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## Poppies in the sand offer a new Remembrance tribute



ANYONE strolling along Porthcawl seafront last Saturday morning (November 4) would have been struck by the tribute in the sand outside Coney Beach.

Local families were invited to create their own tributes and, although they were destined to be washed away at the next high tide, their efforts made a striking picture.

Here at The GEM, we particularly like this photograph, taken by Frank Shipton.

## Cynffig students impress Sony technologists

A group of four students from Cynffig Comprehensive School are working with the Sony UK Technology Centre in Pencoed to develop a low cost 'smart sensor' to capture data from across the production line using the Raspberry Pi.

The idea caught the eye of judges for a national science and engineering competition, with the group announced as The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition senior finalists after entering their engineering project under the title: *Harnessing the power of Big Data*.

The team, Thomas Cullen, Alyx Forester, Kieran Jenkins and Katlyn Simons won at the regional heats at The Big Bang Fair South Wales and will now take their project forward to compete in the UK finals at The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair in March 2018.

Mr Morrish, the Head of DT at Cynffig Comprehensive School commented: "I'm extremely proud of my pupils' achievements in getting to the final of such a prestigious event."

"The passion they have shown in developing their project has been so inspiring to watch and I know all four of them are destined for big things in the STEM world."

The students will be invited to attend the competition finals, which are taking place at The Big Bang Fair at Birmingham's NEC in March 2018. Here, they (along with a further six teams from the south Wales area) they will vie for top prizes including the coveted title of UK Young Engineer and GSK UK Young Scientist of the Year.

## Jamie Perkins' death: police reissue appeal

**SOUTH Wales Police is continuing to appeal for the public's help in the ongoing investigation into the death of Jamie Perkins.**

Jamie was last seen alive by a witness in the Gilfach Goch area on October 12, 2017 and his body was found on November 1, 2017 in an area known locally as Bog Lane in Gilfach Goch.

DCI Gareth Morgan, of the Major Crime Investigation Team, said: "We are currently treating this as a murder investigation."

"The investigation is very much ongoing and we can confirm that when found, Jamie had injuries that suggest he had been assaulted."

"There are a lot of unanswered questions and we really need your help to piece together exactly what happened to Jamie."

"We are keen to hear from anyone with any information, including anyone who may have seen Jamie after October 8 which is the last CCTV sighting."

Two local men aged 38 and 44 year-old have today been arrested and are currently helping

police with their enquiries.

Two people who were previously arrested have been released under investigation.

The family of Jamie Perkins, whose body was found in Gilfach Goch on Thursday, November 2, have paid tribute to "a loving son."

In a statement issued on behalf of Jamie's father John, the deceased's uncle Alan Perkins said: "Jamie was a loving son who is sorely missed by his family, including his dad and his young son."

"John would like to thank all in the local community for the kind messages that have been sent to him and he would

now like to have time to grieve with the family. He would also like to thank the police for their kind attitude in dealing with this very sad case."

"Again I would please like to stress that John and the family are given the time and space needed as they try to come to terms with the death of Jamie."

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## Making a difference for Marie Curie



AM Suzy Davies with Marie Curie helpers Phil Cantrell, shop volunteer and Enfy Jones, volunteer hypnotherapist at the Marie Curie Make a Difference Day.

### REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has urged people to get behind the Marie Curie Make a Difference Day.

The charity, which helps people with terminal illnesses, is appealing for more volunteers to help out in a variety of different ways.

Suzy, who is a Welsh Conservative, met a number of volunteers at an event staged at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay. She said: "It was such an inspiration to meet these wonderful people who give up their own time to support Marie

Curie in many different ways. There are a wide variety of different roles that volunteers can do - from working in the charity's shops and helping fundraise, to providing complementary therapies or helping out with some of the patients.

"I would urge anyone who has some spare time to consider offering their services to this very worthwhile charity."

Anyone wishing to volunteer should visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/volunteer).

## 'Kittens, not kitten heels, is our role'



A screenshot of the website. People visiting this site hoping to help animals will be barking up the wrong tree.

### AN animal charity is warning people that it has nothing to do with a website selling trainers.

Maesteg Animal Welfare Society has discovered that a website called [www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk](http://www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk) is selling shoes.

It comes up whenever the society's name is put into Google. Chairman Jayne Isaac said: "If you google MAWS, this other website also comes up which sells trainers. We have had complaints

from people who have bought shoes from this site and have not received their items. They naturally assumed that they were buying the shoes from us.

"I wish to emphasise that this site is nothing to do with us. We are not into selling shoes. We rescue unwanted pets and rehome them.

"This website address used to belong to us but we were not notified when it expired and by the time we found out, it had been taken over by somebody else. "We have no idea who these

people are.

"What they have done is not illegal but I am concerned that it will give us a bad name if people are failing to get goods that they have paid for. They should complain to the police.

"I am told there is nothing we can do to stop that name from being used. If people want us, they should put Maesteg Animal Welfare Society into the search engine and make sure that they click the right website and not Maesteg Animal Rescue.co.uk.

Jayne Isaac

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## Dragon's head stolen in Tondy

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for information following the theft of a large wooden dragon's head.

The distinctive hand-carved head was stolen from Tondy House Farm, New Road, Tondy on or around Tuesday, October 24.

Anyone with information is asked to call South Wales Police on 101 quoting reference number 1700413721.

## 'Conjunctivitis' worry led to tumour diagnosis

A PORTHCOWL man is urging others to have their eyes checked after an optician spotted signs of a cancerous tumour in his eyeball.

Matthew Davies had been suffering from a red and itchy eye that he thought was conjunctivitis, and visited the Specsavers branch in the town.

While carrying out Mr

Davies' examination, Claire Edwards, ophthalmic director of the Porthcawl store, detected what she suspected might be a choroidal melanoma.

This is a cancer which grows in the tissues in the middle layer of the eyeball. She referred him to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

An examination by a consultant confirmed her suspicions, and Mr Davies was referred to a specialist team at the

Royal University Hospital Liverpool, where he underwent five days of radiotherapy.

Mr Davies said: "I had suffered conjunctivitis in the past so I thought I might have developed that again and decided to go into the store.

"I'm glad I did, as I later found out if I had waited any longer, the cancer could have spread to my optic nerve and then to the rest of my body." AS

## See the film of the book at Ewenny Village Hall

ON Friday, November 10, at 7.30pm, Ewenny Arts Festival will be hosting an evening with local poet Robert Minihinnick, recently shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize, 2017 for his book, *Diary of the Last Man*.

It is an opportunity to see Eamon Bourke's extraordinary film which explores the poet's relationship with the coast between the rivers Llynfi and Ogmore.

Music accompanying the film, *A Suite for Children's Voices*, has been composed by Peter Morgan. The showing will be followed by a poetry reading by Robert Minihinnick; the evening will conclude with a question and answer session.

The event, taking place in Ewenny Village hall, a beautiful grade II listed building, is informal with the audience invited to bring along their own drinks.

For anyone unfamiliar with Robert's poetry, it is a wonderful introduction to it. Funded by Literature Wales, tickets cost £5. Full time students or school children will be free of charge. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Ewenny Pottery 01656 653020, Helen 01656 667047 or Allison 01656 663878. [www.ewennyfestival.co.uk](http://www.ewennyfestival.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/EwennyArtsFestival1](http://www.facebook.com/EwennyArtsFestival1).

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## Rotary fireworks

A LARGE crowd was witness to a fireworks display held at the 7777 rugby club Maesteg on November 4.

The Rotary Club of Maesteg once again promoted the display and all the profits will be donated to local charities.

A lot of hard work goes into arranging the annual display and the club would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the night, including ex-Rotarians and Robert

have done for many years and were delighted to announce that there were no mishaps requiring their attention.

The club is also very grateful to the rugby club for again allowing the use of their venue and for their assistance during the build up and during the evening.

Finally, the club would like to thank the public for turning out in great numbers so that local charities hopefully will benefit from any profits made. Want to join? Call Tal Harries on 07999 886142.

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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15 Wed	04.08	8.9	16.27	9.2
16 Thur	04.53	9.3	17.12	9.5

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## Police appeal for Kelly



**POLICE are appealing to establish the whereabouts of Kelly Woodward.**

She has been missing from an address in Dinas Powys since October 29, 2017.

Kelly, aged 37, is believed to be driving a Ford Kuga.

A police spokeswoman said: "She is five feet seven inches tall and has shoulder length, brown hair. She also has a tattoo of a dolphin on her foot and a heart on her shoulder."

Anybody who has seen Kelly is urged to contact south Wales Police via 101 quoting reference \*430520 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## NFU Cymru welcomes Welsh Government farming funding

**NFU Cymru has welcomed the Welsh Government reaffirming its commitment to ring-fence funding for Welsh farming post-Brexit.**

Last week NFU Cymru met with Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths AM, and in a wide ranging discussion covering a range of topics, Brexit topped the agenda.

Following the meeting, NFU Cymru president Stephen James said: "I am pleased that Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths AM reaffirmed the commitment from the First Minister that funding for Welsh agriculture from the UK Government to the Welsh Government will be ring-fenced for Welsh farmers post-Brexit."

The Cabinet Secretary's commitment follows on from a response that the First Minister gave to Plenary on October 24 and reaffirms the commitment in the Welsh Government/Plaid Cymru 'Securing Wales' Future' document which stated that it is 'essential that equivalent or greater resources to those Wales would have received from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are provided from the UK to support Welsh farming'.

Mr James continued: "NFU Cymru's message on future funding arrangements has been clear and unequivocal. Governments in Cardiff and Westminster must maintain current levels of investment for farming in Wales, to ensure Welsh farmers remain competitive and can continue to produce food to the highest standards while maintaining and enhancing our environment and meeting our climate change obligations."

"At Plenary, the First Minister mentioned that he would consider looking at alternative ways of working and we would absolutely agree with that. This is an opportunity for us in Wales to work collectively to create a new agricultural policy framework that helps to achieve our vision of a productive, progressive and profitable farming industry that delivers jobs, growth and investment for Wales."

"We see the development of a new policy framework as an evolution over a period of time, with the timeframe for change very much determined by our future trading relationship with the EU."

"With the UK Government having committed to the same cash total in funds for farm support until the end of this Parliament, the next step is for the UK Government to clarify how these funds will be allocated among the home nations."

"This allocation should be based on the current formula for distributing CAP funds within the UK."

"Farming is a long term business and we need clarity and certainty on a range of issues including funding, trade and future agricultural policy. Developing agricultural policy and budgetary frameworks should be developed in partnership between the governments of the UK, so that a common policy framework can be agreed. A common policy, but a policy which allows flexibility for each country to take account of the pattern and practice of farming within their country."

## Bridgend Scouts hold their Christmas fair

**THE 3rd Bridgend Scout group are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday, November 22, at the Scout Hall, Bryntirion.**

Doors open at 6pm and there will be games, gifts for Christmas, lots of fun and, of course, Father Christmas.

On Sunday, November 26, there will be a craft fair. Tables are £5. Doors

open 8am, finishing at 12.30pm. Look out for further information on posters and on Facebook.

If you need a venue for your party or club, look no further than 3rd Bridgend Scout Hall, which is located in Llangwydd Road, Cefn Glas near Bryntirion Football Club.

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# Lions' double celebration



**'It's not often that one can celebrate 100 years' was the comment by the president of the Porthcawl Lions Club, Andrew Collier.**

He was at the Hi Tide on Thursday, October 26 in company with the Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Lorrie Desmond Williams, together with Lion Club members plus representatives of many

of the charities and organisations that the Lions had donated money to during the past year.

It was in 1917 in Chicago that the first Lions Club was formed. The Porthcawl club itself had its first meeting in 1980 and two of the founders namely Les Higgins and Don Tickner are still very much involved in the club's many activities.

After enjoying a festive meal, those

present were entertained by the well known Ivor Williams and his guitar. Ivor was joined by a number of the ladies present and a sing-a-long was enjoyed by all.

There then followed the presentation of cheques to the charities and organisations by the Mayor and the Lions President.

The evening concluded with those present enjoying slices of birthday cake and of course the singing of 'Happy Birthday'.

The Porthcawl Lions Club welcomes new members, just telephone Jim Marshall on 01656 859505 or contact any of the Lions.

The club hosts the Christmas Grotto in the Porthcawl Museum from Saturday, November 25, from 11am to 4pm. Santa will be there.

**Report by David Richards.**

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## Autumn ceilidh at St Donats on November 10

**IF you've ever wondered what a ceilidh is** (pronounced 'kay-lee') it comes from the Gaelic word for 'gathering' or 'party'.

Ceilidhs used to help courting and the prospects of marriage for young people and, although discos and nightclubs have displaced ceilidhs to a large extent, they are still an important and popular social outlet in rural parts of Ireland and Scotland, especially in the Gaelic-speaking regions.

'Twmpath' is used today to mean a Welsh version of the barn dance or ceilidh. It's the word literally meaning a 'hump' or 'tump', once applied to the mound or village green upon which the musicians sat and played for the community to dance.

The beauty of a ceilidh or twmpath is that everyone can take part, young or old, experienced dancers to complete beginners and even those think they

have two left feet. At a ceilidh you're walked through the steps by the caller before each dance and, with helpful directions shouted out during the dancing, there's nothing to be worried about.

'Thingumijigs' ceilidh band have been working together now for many years in the Vale.

It's an unusual band in that all its profits are given to charity, to such causes as Great Ormond St Children's Hospital and Velindre Cancer Care.

It will be having an Autumn ceilidh at St Donats Arts Centre on November 10, starting at 7:30pm with prices at £8.50 a ticket (£6.50 for concession) for an adult or £2.50 for a child under 11.

There'll be a full bar there, and the caller will be Pat Smith, of Gavin and Stacey fame.

Call the box office on 01446 799100 for more information. **AS**

## Is this the last word on Cardiff ships query?

**REGARDING Readers' Letters** (October 19, Brian Lee, Cardiff and AR Thorne), my grandmother Beatrice Maud Parsons (née Hart) born 25.11.1889/ died 26.02.1984, worked as a young girl for Roses Shop, George Street, Docks, Cardiff.

She had to deliver tobacco, cigarettes etc for the captains of the ships and walked from ship to ship. The captains gave her directions to her next customer.

**Arthur Bowen, Porthcawl**

## Not quite

**IN The GEM of October 12,** Brian Lee's letter only adds to the confusion around the much-repeated 'dock full' myth.

He writes of the myth: "Well, I wouldn't go as far as to say that," and then suggests a photograph from his book 'Cardiff's Vanished Docklands' shows the Queen Alexandra dock around 1920 - "... and it appears that one could easily have walked from one to the other."

The photograph shows vessels laid-up and rafted in the middle of the dock during the Depression, with a wide stretch of water between the east side of the dock and the nearest vessel.

He adds further confusion in his third paragraph, stating:

'Cardiff had become the largest coal exporting port in the world,' and then: "...ships sailed in and out of the harbour," without naming the harbour. Cardiff's tidal harbour disappeared in the 1860s.

Mr G Davies suggested, in the same edition, that I should log on to Captain Salter's Flickr.com. This I did: but did not find one photograph showing any dock so full of vessels that you could walk across the decks from one side of the dock to the other.

Still believing that it never happened; and if it did: when, where, and perhaps most importantly - why?

I eagerly await seeing a photograph or photographs. **AR Thorne, Cardiff.**

## First move into Wales for estate agency

**HUNTERS, an estate agency, has continued its expansion by opening two branches in Wales.**

The offices, based in Bridgend and Ogmore Vale, mark the group's first presence in the country.

Luke Jones, franchisee of Hunters Bridgend and Ogmore Vale, previously Fresh Start Properties, said:

"Hunters has an excellent track record in both sales and lettings and we are excited to be launching the

brand in Wales for the first time. It was a great match; Hunters' success is built around, amongst other things, excellent customer service."

Glynis Frew, chief executive of Hunters Property, said: "This is an exciting milestone for Hunters, as not only have we launched in a new country but we have also developed our training expertise for agents and landlords alike."

The new Welsh branches are part of the group's initiative to expand into new territories.

## Laleston WI

**LALESTON WI met on November 2 when 26 members attended with one prospective new member.**

All members who had attended the Federation Abba Evening had a wonderful night.

Luncheon Club is at Poco Poco on November 14 and our trip to Cheltenham is on November 22; the bus is to leave at 9.30am.

Christmas lunch is to be at Tommy Heaney's Restaurant at the Great House Hotel, Laleston on December 12.

Some members of our WI will be attending the Federation Carol Service at The Brangwyn Hall, Swansea on December 4.

Our speaker for the evening was then introduced: Mrs Reveree, who gave us a demonstration of willow weaving and had all members participating, which was great fun. A vote of thanks was given by Christine Rees.

The raffle was won by Mo Morgan and the competition by Kathryn Nelson. Our next meeting will be on December 7 which will be our Christmas party.

Our WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at The Blandy Hall, Laleston at 7.15pm.

All are welcome to join us. More information from Diane Marshall 01656 656600.

## Butchers' Oscar nomination!



**Jayne and James Nicholas of I.G. Nicholas Butchers have been nominated for the Countryside Alliance's annual Rural Oscars. Absent from the photograph is mother Edwina Nicholas, who also still plays an active role in running the family business.**



# 'Wonderwool' poppies are piling high



A dress adorned with hand-crafted poppies.

**TEENAGE textile enthusiasts from Porthcawl Comprehensive School are busy sewing hundreds of fabric poppies for a commemorative installation which will take centre stage at 'Wonderwool Wales' in April next year.**

Meanwhile, crafters from Pontyclun have knitted and crocheted hundreds of poppies for an Armistice window display at Ammonite Yarns in Llantrisant Road. After November 11, they too will be sent to add to the thousands being collected by Wonderwool Wales.

The window display features a black dress covered with textile flowers. Shop owner Ruth Moore said: "The poppies have been made by members of the crafting groups at Café 50 in Pontyclun Community Centre and also at our weekly drop-in groups at the shop. In all, about 20 people have been involved."

The poppies sent to Wonderwool Wales will be strung together with others from all over the UK to form the 'Curtain of Poppies' to commemorate the end of the First World War.

'Curtain of Poppies' organiser Jane Veevers is encouraging schools, groups and individuals nationwide to help reach the total of 887,858 that would be required to

commemorate each person from the UK who died serving their country. The current poppy count stands at 6,495, with more being sent in all the time.

Laura Thompson, head of the technology and art faculty at the school, said: "There are 31 pupils who have contributed to the making of poppies through our new year-7 Textiles Club, which was set up this year by two sixth form girls for their Welsh Baccalaureate community challenge. We've made a few hundred so far and we are hoping to make 2,000."

"As well as improving basic sewing skills, the project has been a great opportunity to discuss the soldiers during World War One and how they served our country. Our school History Club is helping out, too; they are also working on a centenary project."

Laura adds that she is hoping to attend Wonderwool Wales 2018 at the Royal Welsh Showground with a bus full of pupils keen to see the culmination of their efforts.

Jane Veevers is delighted with the enthusiastic support she has received from Porthcawl Comprehensive School, Ammonite Yarns and from knitting and craft groups, WIs and community groups across Wales.

She is keen to galvanise even more support from today's community of knitters, sewers and craft makers to recreate the united determination of the

World War One, who did their bit to support the troops overseas by knitting gloves, scarves, balaclavas and socks.

She said: "The poppies are already piling up, but we need many more groups and individuals to get involved and to send in their poppies by the end of the year, so our team of volunteers has enough time to string them all together."

The 'Curtain of Poppies' will be on display at Wonderwool Wales on April 28 and 29, 2018. It will then become a travelling exhibition and is already booked to go to the National Wool Museum of Wales.

Alongside the installation, The Royal British Legion will have a stand and collect donations. Wonderwool Wales is also inviting monetary donations in support of this project for the Royal British Legion.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wonderwool-Wales-Curtain-of-Poppies.

Find out more and to find the patterns for the textile poppies, visit [www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/show-events/curtain-of-poppies.html](http://www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/show-events/curtain-of-poppies.html). **WS**

# £5.5 million cash backing for the Jehu Group

**BRIDGEND-BASED property and construction firm Jehu Group has secured £5.5m of financial backing to support the business in achieving its growth strategy, with funding from two key financial institutions.**

The group, which is currently working on over 20 construction projects across south Wales, is on track, said a spokesperson, to see its turnover grow 19 per cent to more than £50m in the next year and reach in excess of £65m by 2019, after securing the support from the two industry lenders.

The family firm has received £4m worth of funding from the Development Bank of Wales, formerly Finance Wales, as well as a new £1.5m day-to-day banking facility from Santander to assist it with its expansion plans.

With its maximum lending cap increased to £5m in a single round, the £4m received by Jehu represents one of the development bank's largest investments.

Comprising a £2.5m property development loan from the Wales Property Fund and a £1.5m working capital facility from the Wales

Business Fund, the investment is an excellent example of how the development bank can use a range of funds to help businesses get the right level of finance.

Karl Jones, property investment executive at the development bank and project lead on the property development loan commented: "We are delighted to assist this established and experienced family business with this development. This is the first time we've had the opportunity to assist Jehu Group with one of their developments and we look forward to potentially supporting further projects in the future."

"The development is being part funded via the Wales Property Fund which has been established to provide access to funding to assist with development projects in Wales."

Andrew Lycett, finance director at Jehu Group, said: "As a business, we have experienced strong growth over the last couple of years. We have ambitious goals for the direction of the business and anticipate significant growth over the coming years, all of which requires financing support."

# Skerr WI members raise cash for their local RNLI

**THE National Federation of Women's Institutes reminds us that in today's world, everyone is only too aware of the needs of our world— locally, nationally and internationally and as members of Skerr WI, we continuously ask ourselves "what can we do to help?"**

With this in mind, Friends of Skerr WI came together in St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village on October 23 to raise money for the RNLI, Porthcawl; a cause dear to the hearts of our seaside community.

Forty-four ladies from Skerr and Cwm Brombil WIs enjoyed an entertaining Beetle Drive with an excellent buffet provided by Skerr WI committee members.

Everyone who attended agreed that the evening had been lots of fun. The evening also proved to be a successful fundraiser with a total of £218 raised from ticket sales and raffle.

Later that week, Skerr WI president Nora Williams presented the money raised to Ms Rosemarie Ellwood, acting on behalf of Porthcawl RNLI.

Don't forget that the next meeting of Skerr WI will be on November 9 and the guest speaker will be Peter Sampson, who will present a talk on the history and story of Flatholm.

Visitors are always welcome and we would love to meet you, so why not come along and say hello!

**Christine Beynon**

# Emmaus celebrates third anniversary in Bridgend

**THE Emmaus South Wales charity shop on Caroline Street in Bridgend, celebrated its third birthday on Hallowe'en.**

To mark the occasion, the shop had 10 per cent off all items and also ran a 'guess how many marbles' competition, with a £25 shop voucher up for grabs. The shop was decorated in a Hallowe'en theme, with sweets on offer for customers, which were kindly donated by ASDA Bridgend.

Shop manager Chris said: "We wanted to celebrate and thank our customers for supporting us over the past three years. Without people buying and donating items, we wouldn't be able to

help the formerly homeless people living at our community home in Bridgend. So it's a really good cause."

On the day, the winner of the 'How many marbles in the jar' competition was announced. There were 750 marbles in the jar, and the winning guess was from Thelma Jones, who guessed 728.

Unfortunately, Thelma didn't leave her contact details, so if you know Thelma, please get her to visit the Caroline Street shop with ID to collect her £25 Emmaus shop voucher.

Emmaus South Wales would like to thank the people of Bridgend for their continued support.

Emmaus South Wales, based in Bridgend, is a homeless charity with a difference. They provide a home, a job and a purpose for formerly homeless individuals, for as long as they need.

Emmaus South Wales have seven shops which provide the companions (as the formerly homeless individuals are known) with meaningful work opportunities. Profits made in the shops then supports the community home in Cefn Glas, where Companions live.

To donate furniture and arrange a free collection call 01656 750829.

For more information, visit [www.emmaus-southwales.org.uk](http://www.emmaus-southwales.org.uk).

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## Worth a mint: The Imperials join Morriston Orpheus Male Voice Choir for gig

THE Imperials are back in the UK and appearing at Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot with the internationally renowned Morriston Orpheus Male Voice Choir (MOMVC), with a concert of Elvis gospels songs and ballads sung like you have never heard before.

Elvis' first love was gospel and few, other than his most dedicated fans, know that all three of the Grammy awards that Elvis won were for his gospel recordings.

From those he was easily able to develop his unique voice into

singing some of our most memorable 'power ballads'.

Already famous in the USA as a gospel group in their own right, it was to The Imperials that Elvis turned to be his backing singers when he made his famous comeback in Las Vegas, and so who better to share Elvis' legacy of gospels and ballads with us than Terry Blackwood and the Imperials?

They will share the stage and the performance with one of the UK's most celebrated male-voice choirs, the MOMVC of South

Wales, a group of brilliant exponents of Elvis' work.

It was with The Imperials that the choir received standing ovations at previous concerts in Cardiff, Swansea and Coventry over the last few years.

If you enjoy good music and would like to experience a concert with a difference that will have you leaving the auditorium with that 'feel-good factor' lifting your spirits sky high, then this concert is for you. CS

## Support for Ty Hafan from Pencoed's Buffs



THE Sunshine Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), at a recent meeting at the Chatterton Arms, Pencoed, donated £100 from its charity funds for Ty Hafan.

The RAOB Lodge meets on Sundays at 12 noon

at the Chatterton Arms, and members wish to thank Carl and Ray of the Chatterton Arms for hosting the event.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the RAOB, including why it was granted the honorific of 'Royal', is welcome to come along.

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## Mayor's civic charity event hears from education boss

A CHARITY lunch was held at the Grove Golf Club Restaurant, South Cornelly, on October 20, arranged by the committee of the Bridgend County Civic Charity, when the guest speaker was Lindsay Harvey, corporate director of education and family support.

Grace was given by Cllr Jeff Tildesley and the compère was Leader of the Bridgend County Borough Council, Cllr Huw David who introduced the speaker.

Lindsay went to school locally

before university, captained Maesteg RFC, played for Pontypridd and Newport, and played for Wales at under 18, 19 and 21.

After completing his studies he was appointed deputy head teacher at Maes yr Haul Primary School, Bridgend before working at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

Lindsay is passionate about Welsh in the workplace, as he learned Welsh as a second language. His aim is to encourage teachers and pupils to enjoy and accept all that is offered in county borough.

Mayor Cllr Pamela Davies

thanked Lindsay for an enjoyable talk and thanked all those present for their support, especially the Grove Golf Club.

The next event is the charity coffee morning at the Heronston Hotel on Friday, November 17 from 10am to 12 noon with compère Cllr John McCarthy, entertainment by Llangewydd School Choir, charity stalls and a raffle.

For further information and for tickets (£5), contact Mari on 01656 651491 or Marlene on 01656 871439.

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## Final public display for WWI quilts



By Jan Webster.

THE Cutting Edge Textile Group's World War One quilts will be exhibited in the Senedd Oriel, Welsh Government Building, Cardiff Bay between

November 6 and 16.

The 23 quilts were made in 2015 by members of the group – which meets in Ystradowen Village Hall – to commemorate those who lost their lives in the war.

Some captured the memory of family members while others were motivated by research into the war, or from following the commemoration activities.

One quilt was inspired by the 2016 display of poppies [Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red] at the Tower of London and reminds those viewing it of the enormity of the lives lost as a result of the war.

Another was inspired by a visit to Tyne Cot near the Menin Gate.

As one person wrote: "Stark white headstones, well-kept grass, an awesome silence and a poignant inscription carved onto so many of the stones. Truly

unforgettable".

The quilts have been displayed in shop windows in Cowbridge over the last two years and have helped to increase fundraising for the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal.

It has also helped to encourage shops in the town to decorate their windows to support the British Legion's appeal.

Cutting Edge Textile group would like thank the following Cowbridge shops for their support: Ty Hafan Emporium, The Barbers Shop, Beauty Within, Jon Ian, Costa Coffee and David Barnes Dry Cleaners.

The quilts have also previously been exhibited in the Giles Gallery, Pontyclun (September 2016) and the 2017 autumn Malvern Quilt Show.

The Senedd exhibition will be the last public showing of the quilts.

Opening times are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

For more information about the quilts, visit cuttingedgetextiles.wordpress.com/ww1-challenge-quilt/.

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By Chris Dobson.



By Keris Howard.

[www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk](http://www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk)

## Sweet cells of success

SNACKS consumed at Queens Road police station in Bridgend continue to find a sweet spot with local causes.

A further £2,000 has been donated to the baby loss support group at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, which supports families who have suffered a baby death or a still birth.

The money will help purchase memory boxes and a 'cuddle cot' which enables the family to spend precious extra time with their baby.

In just two and a half years, the small tuck shop has raised an amazing £6,500 for different local charities and good causes.

Donations have already been made to Y Bont, SCBU and Oldcastle Primary School.

Rea Stephens, who runs the snack shop, said: "Once again we're delighted to be able to help this local charity which does amazing work for people in the area."

Any local causes or charities which would like to be considered for future donations can email rea.stephens@south-wales.pnn.police.uk. PC



Stephanie Rees, Jenna Wilcox and Emma Dare are three of six new apprentices at Heronsbridge School.

WITH Lord Sugar's annual search for his next protégé underway, Heronsbridge School has said 'you're hired' to six new apprentices of its own.

Supported by Bridgend Council Borough Council's learning and development team, the six candidates have gained placements at the school for 18 to 21 months, making their first step on the career ladder.

The apprentices will gain valuable on-the-job experience and earn a salary while studying towards nationally recognised qualifications in Child Care Learning and Development.

With one of the candidates stepping up to study at level 3 after completing

their level 2 qualification as an apprentice at the school, the workforce is well on the way to taking shape.

Deputy head at the school, Lisa James-Smith said: "Heronsbridge School has always invested in staff training and development, believing it to be the best way to raise standards in attainment and well-being for its pupils.

"Employing apprentices is a great way of bringing the right calibre of person into our school, where they can learn new skills from various staff and within different departments, in a clearly planned career path." CS



# As Madeleine Moon MP says: 'UCMIU'

ONE of my colleagues regularly sends me news stories with 'ucmiu' - 'You couldn't make it up' - at the end of a hyperlink.

Think about life before 2015, before Brexit, Trump, terrorist attacks targeting children, cyber-attacks on banks, hospitals and Parliament, nuclear threats from North Korea, increased hurricanes, fake news, investigations into Russian involvement into elections and referendums in the US and Europe, and the fracturing of unity in nation states.

Add into this mix the revelations of rape, sexual assault in the arts and politics, and it's no wonder the times feel crazy and strange. The pace of challenge to our sense of personal confidence and security is unrelenting.

Now do we deal with this challenge? Do we normalise the crazy and strange, shrug our shoulders and assume this is just how things are? Retreat into echo chambers on social media such as Twitter and Facebook where we discuss with like-minded people our explanations and solutions to these challenges?

The world is beset by problems of political tensions, the rise of the hard right and nationalism in Europe, war, ideological and religious differences, regional blocks seeking a greater share of economic wealth and disruption being used as a lever to gain wealth, power and influence.

Our world is changing. We cannot go backwards. There are challenges we must face at a personal, regional and international level.

This last week in Parliament the Commons was seeking to meet all three challenges.

International security issues were high on the agenda with the Defence Select Committee discussing our relations with the US, the 29 NATO allies and the

## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

**Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON** writes an exclusive report from Westminster for GEM readers



organise for the impact on their firm of tariffs, supply chains and customs.

In a democracy, we do not give elected government an unchallenged right to implement policies and changes. In a democracy, accountability is a critical part of the process.

For example, the Government may be right in bringing forward changes to benefits and moving to Universal Credit. The pace, impact on families, capacity of departments to cope all have to be challenged, checked and changed if unrealistic and damaging.

The greatest personal challenge and damage to our reputation as a Parliament and as a country came from this week's accounts of sexual harassment, assault and rape allegations in Westminster.

This is not just a Westminster problem. It is a potential challenge in every workplace and social setting. This is Parliament's great opportunity to address a problem, an injustice and facilitate a change that has been long overdue.

We need to make it clear, within the law, that in a workplace or social setting deliberate unwanted touching, sexualised behaviour or overtures are unacceptable.

There are no exceptions: misunderstanding don't happen if you seek permission first.

The right to speak out without fear of recriminations, if unhappy in a power relationship where sexualised behaviour is present, must be enforced. I have worked on this issue in the armed forces.

I heard so many victims tell me that they were advised to not make a complaint which would damage their career. This is not acceptable in any workplace.

So hang on in there. Times are difficult but what matters is how we deal with the problems before us. How we exist in a world where change, challenges and threats are happening at an ever faster pace.

The demand to 'Stop the world. I want to get off,' is not the solution.

increasing threats of hybrid warfare. These were discussed again at meetings in the Speaker's House and then with the Russian Ambassador.

The main regional issue remain Brexit. I asked the Prime Minister last week if she would release the 58 economic impact assessments carried out by the Government. My question was ignored. This week a long neglected piece of Parliamentary process called The Humble Address was used to force the government to address and respond to this request.

The impact assessments will be released. They will be partly redacted to remove any information that would be damaging to our security or provide information that would compromise our negotiating position. They will be shared with one or more select committees, whose tasks are to hold the Government's policies to account, and take evidence to ensure the right decisions are made for the country and department budgets.

We all need to understand the impact of the government's approach to Brexit across the 58 sectors and the workforce. If we are to plan and prepare for positive and negative impacts we need to know what they may be.

We cannot wait for a last minute vote in Parliament to carry out impact mitigation.

The Welsh Assembly needs time to prepare for any impact on the NHS recruiting medical staff. Bridgend County Borough Council will need time to plan for the impact on local jobs, housing, inward investment and the care sector. Local companies need to

## Welsh Secretary: 'We must prepare for a relationship with Europe and the rest of the world'

**LEAVING the European Union will open up new trade and investment opportunities around the world for Wales and the UK, says Alun Cairns.**

Responding to questions in the Commons, the Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said Wales remains a great place to invest and that as the UK leaves the EU the Government will continue to support existing investment relationships and work to attract new projects.

He told MPs he is working closely with the Department for International Trade to make sure this happens. Mr Cairns said: "Last year, 85 foreign direct investment projects came to Wales, 95 per cent of which were supported and facilitated by the Department for International Trade."

"I have been to Qatar and Japan to talk to investors, and I am encouraged by their optimism and the flexibility that the Welsh economy can bring."

"I am encouraged by their interest and commitment. Japanese companies, by tradition, make long-term investments. The first was in Bridgend - Sony was one of the first - in 1973, and they have similarly committed that they want to remain with us for the long term to come."

"Last year was another successful year - 85 projects came to Wales, creating 2,500 new jobs. Exports to the EU were increased by 15 per cent, but exports outside the European Union increased by 20 per cent. That demonstrates the great flexibility of businesses in Wales, keen to explore the new opportunities that exiting the EU brings."

Mr Cairns said the Government is doing everything they can to get a good deal for the UK following Brexit. He said: "Of course, it is also prudent to prepare for all outcomes."

"We have to prepare for every potential

eventuality because we need to preserve the integrity of the UK market, a relationship with Europe and the new opportunities with markets around the world."

**THE Government is looking closely at what powers should be devolved to the Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish administrations following Brexit, says Alun Cairns.**

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was facing questions in the Commons over concerns expressed by some MPs that Westminster will seek to retain some powers that should properly be devolved.

He said he holds regular discussions with Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones and AMs as well as with local authorities, industry representatives and third sector organisations on matters relating to the UK leaving the EU.

Mr Cairns said: "There are 64 areas of law that intersect with the Welsh Government. There is an awful lot of technical work going on between officials in the Welsh and Scottish Governments and the UK administration."

"There are many functions beneath that, but we are working positively to establish which of them can be devolved as quickly as possible when powers are returned from the European Union to the UK."

"We want to move forward so that the powers of the Welsh and Scottish Governments will be extended, but we also need to maintain the integrity of the UK market."

"We need to remember that everything we are doing needs to suit business because we want business to continue to export and work throughout the UK."

**Reports by Mike Prosser.**

## 'It's not the Conservatives who sneer at women, Mr Elmore'

**I**n a week where we are all reeling from serious revelations about sexual harassment and abuse in the worlds of politics and entertainment, the MP for Ogmore decided to launch an ill-judged attack on the UK Government for not debating 'period poverty'.

The Conservatives in Westminster have committed to scrapping the 'tampon tax'. However, as the tax is an EU requirement, they can't do it until we leave the EU.

The other 27 EU members would have to agree any attempt to scrap it during any transition period. Meanwhile, the tax collected is ring-fenced and given directly to a number of women's charities, primarily supporting women in poverty, young, vulnerable women and survivors of sexual violence and domestic abuse - including charities in Wales - an act far from "sneering" at women.

Even the Guardian, no fan of the Conservatives, says it's not all

about tampon tax, recognising that the wider tax and pay system needs to work better for women.

Instead of citing figures from three years ago, Mr Elmore could have looked at those from last week showing that the gender pay gap is the lowest in 20 years (20 years ago, Tony Blair became Prime Minister).

There's still a way to go before that gap disappears, but the Conservative cuts to income tax and introduction of a still-increasing living wage meant 12 million women are paying lower tax and 1.5m have been taken out of tax altogether.

The Conservatives have also introduced shared parental leave and free childcare, which help give women more options if they want to go back to work or retrain.

The Conservative Party has produced two female Prime Ministers. Our local Assembly Member and half the Conservative group on Bridgend Council are women.

Hardly a party of misogynists, as Mr Elmore would have you believe, but a party of aspiration - regardless of gender, sexual

orientation, age, ethnicity or religious belief.

This isn't "contempt for women and girls". Contempt for women and girls is when you deliberately tell them half a story to score a few political points at their expense.

Or, just three months ago, when Labour forced its own Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities to resign for raising questions about the rape and continued abuse of over 1,400 girls in Labour-run Rotherham.

That's contempt for women and girls.

This week has shown why gender imbalance is so bad for Westminster.

We do not see that Mr Elmore's intervention has done much to persuade women that frontline politics could be fairer, kinder and more respectful.

**Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West and Chair of Women2Win Wales, and Carolyn Webster, Welsh Conservative Councillor elected to BCBC.**

## FM Carwyn Jones praises contribution of Vale AM



**Jane Hutt AM.**  
Photograph courtesy of the Welsh Government.

**THE Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt has left the Welsh Government Cabinet, following a reshuffle.**

Wales' First Minister and Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones, praised her as a politician who "brought stability and had an unrivalled ability to build bridges".

Ms Hutt said she considered herself "lucky" to have been able to contribute to the Assembly in its foundation period.

"I am leaving the Cabinet after 18 and a half years of ministerial office in health, social services, equalities, education, finance and finally as Leader of the House and Chief Whip."

"I have been very fortunate to be able to play my part in the founding years of the Assembly, helping to secure stability and confidence in a Welsh Labour Government throughout this time."

"Guided always by my principles and values of social justice and fair play, I have taken every opportunity to help shape policy to meet Welsh needs in the

past two decades of devolution."

"You have to stick to your principles in politics and keep your feet on the ground, listening to the people you serve, especially those without a strong voice. That's what I have always sought to do."

She added: "I will continue to serve my constituents in the Vale with dedication and commitment, thankful for the support I have received from them for so many years."

Mr Jones said: "Jane Hutt has been a feature of Welsh Government, and Welsh public life for two decades. Her unique approach and unrivalled ability to build bridges always brought stability through all the toughest periods of party politics in Cardiff Bay - she was always the one who could deliver a sensible compromise and find a way through difficult periods."

"The people of the Vale are very lucky to have such a committed politician to represent them, and I'm sure she will continue to do so with distinction in the future."

## 'Service closure could hurt rural communications' claim

**RURAL residents' concerns about the closure of a key communications platform have been taken up with company bosses.**

Mobile operator O2 have run the 'TuGo' app for several years, which has allowed customers without a mobile signal to make calls and texts via their Wifi network.

But the company have now announced plans to close the service on November 30 and customers fear its replacement will be more limited in its use.

Concerns have been raised that it will be only accessible on smartphones 'locked' to the O2 network, so those purchased through third party suppliers, such as the Carphone Warehouse, will be unable to use it.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, from the Vale has been contacted by several constituents about the problem and has written to O2 demanding action ahead of the switchover.

Mr Davies said: "While great strides have been made forward in improving communications in the rural Vale, there is still plenty more to do, both in terms of mobile signal and superfast broadband."

"Several constituents have contacted me ahead of the proposed closure of the TuGo service, which has been reliable for those without phone signal at home or work."

"I have therefore written to O2 to request a meeting ahead of the closure and also action to ensure that no one loses out as a result of the decision."

## Ogmore WASPI meeting called

**CHRIS ELMORE, MP for Ogmore, has arranged an information evening for women affected by recent changes to the State Pension age.**

Any Ogmore constituents who were born in the 1950s and think they may have been impacted by the rise in the State Pension age for

women are invited to attend.

The meeting will be an opportunity to voice concerns with the local MP, hear from local campaigners and receive an update from Mr Elmore and speakers such as Carolyn Harris MP, on the campaign in Parliament.

The event will be held on Friday, November 24 at Sarn Life Centre from 4pm-6pm.



# Coffee morning fundraiser for Vale People First



Volunteers and staff from Vale People First with Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Vale.

**VALE People First** was hosted at a coffee morning at the Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry by mayor of the Vale, Cllr Janice Charles, recently.

Vale People First is a self-advocacy organisation run by people with a learning disability in the Vale.

A spokesperson said: "It is a representative voice for people with a learning disability in the area, and is commissioned by the local authority to speak up about the services they receive, in order to improve existing and future services, to be more tailored to the person's needs."

The volunteers who organised the event,

Alison Kendrick and Christine Martin, were thanked by the mayor.

Geoff Davies, Vale First facilitator, said: "Thank you Madam Mayor for your support today at the coffee morning, we raised an amazing £401.85."

To find out more about Vale People First, visit [www.valepeoplefirst.org.uk](http://www.valepeoplefirst.org.uk).



One of the photographs taken in Iran by Patrick Davies.

## Images of Iran enthral Vale Photographic Club

**OCTOBER** saw another exciting and enjoyable month for the Vale Photographic Club.

We started with a presentation by Simon Hadleigh Sparks, an eminent photographer from London who has spent several months as the leader of the web based international competition site 'Photocrowd'.

Photocrowd attracts tens of thousands of competitors so to lead it is a magnificent achievement. Simon showed us some of his awe-inspiring abstract architectural photographs and let us in on some of his "secrets" for success.

We moved onto our first club competition of the year following which Terry Verrinder is left in pole

position for next month. On the 20th we sat down to a thrilling evening with Patrick Davies showing images from a recent trip to Iran: we had a tantalising 20 minutes before a power cut hit the whole of Ystradowen.

We were so gripped by his talk that the audience continued to listen to Patrick's account of his visit in complete darkness; after another 30 minutes we agreed to abandon the evening but are arranging for Patrick to give his talk later in the year, if anyone is interested in seeing images and hearing a fascinating talk look out on our website for the new arrangements ([www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk](http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk)). One of his images is shown with this article.

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# ART SHOW AT ST CLARE'S



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Nearly every single piece of art sold, with all the profits going to the PTA.

Headteacher Simon Antwis said: "We are so proud of these mini-masterpieces which are down to hard work and dedication of our staff. It demonstrates a consistent level of excellence throughout the school based on our policy of balancing academic study with individual attention, extra-curricular activities and continuous investment in the school."

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*LEFT: Year-2 boys Isaac and Logan.*



*ABOVE: Nursery pupil, Harry, holds his picture.*



*LEFT: Layha and Zariyaan with their pictures.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### St Canna's, Llangan

THIS year's Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday, November 12 at 10.45am. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

A date for your diary: a carol service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 11.15am. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your friends and neighbours and join in the Christmas spirit.

### Saron Chapel, Treoes

FOLLOWING many months of waiting for the completion of the restoration work, the chapel now stands in all its glory.

I have yet to view the interior. I, along with other locals must commend the workforce for their care of the graves from the unavoidable dust when working on the exterior walls.

On December 10 at 11.15am a carol service will take place at Saron when the children of the village will entertain their parents with poems and songs.

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# Family pays tribute to former soldier who died in A48 collision

**THE 26 year-old cyclist who died in collision with a car on the A48 in the Vale on Saturday, October 28 has been named as Jack Berry from Gragenetown in Cardiff.**

Jack's family has paid the following tribute to him

"Jack was born in RAF Wegberg, Germany before spending his early childhood and schooldays in Abercarn. He was a keen sportsman playing rugby and football for local clubs in Abercarn and Blackwood as well as representing Cwmarn High School in a variety of sports.

"Despite achieving great success in his GCSEs Jack had already made the decision to follow his parents into the British Army. He achieved great success both on the sports field, where he again represented the AGC in a number of sports, although by now his real talent was shining through on the rugby field where he played in the back row, displaying the positive attitude,

steely determination and tireless work ethic that was to become the hallmark of his life.

"During his six years' service Jack proudly served with B Coy, 2 Royal Welsh including a tour of Afghanistan where once again his positive mindset, sense of humour and infectious smile came to the fore.

In 2014 Jack married Luisa and they were both happily enjoying married life in their home in Cardiff Bay.

"The last 12 months has seen Jack training and working as a chef at the Bush Inn, St Hilary where he not only demonstrated a talent for cooking but his uncanny knack of making friends across the generations and impacting everybody he encountered in a positive way. Whilst working at the Bush Inn he discovered a passion for Triathlon and tragically died whilst out on a training ride.

"He died, just as he lived his whole life, with a smile on his face and doing the things he loved with the people he loved. Jack was a loving husband, son, brother,



**Jack Berry.**

nephew, cousin, grandson and friend of so many people... he will be sorely missed.

Police officers are continuing to investigate the collision, which happened at around 7.20am, when a white Skoda Octavia collided with a group of three

cyclists on the A48 between the Cowbridge by-pass and Pentre Meyrick.

A 36-year-old local man arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving has been released under investigation.

Officers investigating the incident are still appealing for any witnesses, or anyone who may have seen the manner in which the car was being driven prior to the collision, and who may not have already done so, to contact South Wales Police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and quote reference 1700418785.

## Call for knitters to join WWI project

**A LOCAL woman is inviting knitters and textile makers in the area to join an ambitious project to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I - which will happen next year.**

Eirwen Price is co-ordinating local activity in 'Wonderwool Wales' - which would like to bring together the community of textile makers to recreate the united determination of the World War I volunteers.

Eirwen said: "The aim of the Centenary Textiles project is to produce a Community Textile Installation at Wonderwool Wales 2018 (in Builth Wells) to mark the end of World War I.

"The 'Curtain of Poppies' will include 887,858 textile poppies, to commemorate each person from the UK who died serving their

country." She continued: "Volunteers are invited to use our range of patterns to make one or more textile poppies to feature in the Curtain of Poppies in 2018.

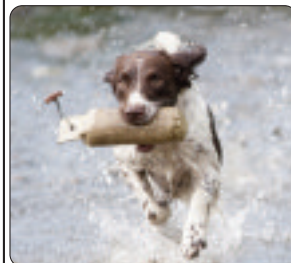
"If you or your textile group would like to make a larger contribution, please make lengths of green i-cord (four stitches) approximately two metres long, and stitch pairs of poppies back to back, at a spacing of about 15 cm."

The project is in support of The Royal British Legion, and donations are invited in support.

To donate, go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wonderwool-Wales-Curtain-of-Poppies](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Wonderwool-Wales-Curtain-of-Poppies).

For information on the project, go to [www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/show-events/curtain-of-poppies.html](http://www.wonderwoolwales.co.uk/show-events/curtain-of-poppies.html). Further information can be obtained from Eirwen Price on 01446 772925.

## FROM PERO TO HERO



*Is your dog a hero?*

**ONE of the best known folk tales in Wales is the story of faithful hound Gelert and as part of S4C's Legends month, an appeal has been launched to find Wales' 'bravest dog'.**

The channel is searching for stories of brave, heroic and loyal canines as part of a competition on the nightly magazine programme *Heno*.

During the month, *Heno* will celebrate the achievements of the four-legged friends who give so much to their owners.

One of these is the homesick sheepdog Pero, which travelled 240 miles from Cumbria to Ceredigion to be reunited with his owners.

"When you have a pup as a little one, you bond straight away. Once you are friends you will be friends forever," said Alan James, owner of Pero the sheepdog, who

lives in Penrhynoch, Ceredigion.

"Pero went to a farm in Cockerthorpe, Cumbria to do some work with the sheep but he was homesick. He refused to do anything, he missed us too much. He escaped from the farm and travelled 240 miles to come back to us."

"How he found his way home we will never know. Pero is by now a local hero. When I go to the Royal Welsh Show, people know Pero before me."

The competition is open until November 14 and the winner will be selected by a panel of judges. The prize is a year's worth of dog food by pet-food producer, Pero which are sponsoring the competition, and a hamper of products.

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# Review will look at tragic case of Elsie

**FOLLOWING the conviction of Matthew Scully-Hicks of the murder of his 18-month-old daughter, Elsie, attention will switch to the investigation which will centre on how the little girl met her death.**

Scully-Hicks (31) will spend a minimum of 18 years in prison after the jury at Cardiff Crown Court found him guilty.

The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Children Board will now look at the circumstances.

A spokesperson for the board said: "Now that the criminal proceedings have concluded, the Regional Safeguarding Children Board will seek assurance that the independent child practice review, which has already been commissioned, into the tragic circumstances of the child's death, will be progressed.

"It would therefore not be appropriate for the board to comment further until the conclusion of the independent review."

The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Children Board (RSCB) is made up of statutory partners (Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, the University Health Board, Velindre Health Trust, South Wales Police and the Probation Services) and additional members including voluntary sector organisations as appropriate.

Child Practice Reviews are carried out by independent reviewers, who are appointed by the Review Panel and who have had no previous involvement in the case or its management.

The Vale Council's social services were supervising the adoption of Elsie, who was born in the Vale.



*Elsie Scully-Hicks was murdered by her adoptive father.*

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## Andrew Robson, wanted on recall to prison, sought

**SOUTH Wales Police on November 8 issued an appeal for information on the whereabouts of Andrew Robson, who is wanted on recall to prison.**

Robson, 48, has links with Bridgend, Cardiff and Swansea. A spokesperson said: "Anyone with information which could help us locate him should contact 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting reference 1700406656."



## IT'S YET ANOTHER AWARD FOR NEWBOLD SOLICITORS!

**IT'S yet another award for local law firm Newbold Solicitors!**

The firm has once again been nominated for 'Best Property Law Firm UK'. This is the fourth year running the firm has either been a finalist or runner up for one or more of the following awards: 'Best Law Firm UK', 'Best Conveyancing Firm UK', 'Best Conveyancing Firm Wales', Best Woman in Law (Wales), Best Training Law Firm.

Catherine Hartland started local firm Brendons Solicitors in 2010, shortly joined by Maurice Thompson. Brendons went on to purchase Newbold Solicitors in 2012.

Under their management the firm has grown to employing almost 70 staff in 4 offices across South Wales.

"The firm specialises in landlord and tenant disputes, representing clients at civil court hearings and buying and selling properties.

Catherine is a local Solicitor and is the fifth generation in her family to be born, raised and educated in the Vale.

Catherine invited Alun Cairns MP to their Barry branch to thank him personally for the support he gave her starting up the firm in 2010.

Catherine said: "It was not easy starting up a law firm after the recession. There were initially

major obstacles put in my way. However, Alun was a tremendous support to me and gave me the encouragement when I needed it.

"I am very grateful because Newbold is able to employ local staff, help re-energise the local High Street and significantly contribute to the local economy.

"My father Cecil was a local welder, my mother Mary was a housewife, which proves you do not have to have a stereo-typical background to reach your goals in life.

"You need imagination, determination, resilience and enthusiasm for doing what you enjoy".

Mr Cairns said: "I am hugely

impressed by the work that those at Newbold Solicitors have achieved in making the firm such a success.

"All members of staff at Newbold's should be very proud of their achievements, and I am delighted that the firm is being recognised on a national platform. Yet another example of local, hardworking, ambitious individuals putting South Wales on the map!"

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## Vale Bridge club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 6 are as follows:

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# Jam Fund is the small charity with a big heart

**THE dedicated work of Vale charity, the Jam Fund, continued recently with a number of key donations.**

The fund was started in memory of Jamie Adamson, who died of cancer at the age of just five in 2004. Since 2005, it has raised more than £400,000 and has helped numerous youngsters suffering from ill health, as well as providing welcome support for their families.

Jamie's father Paul, told The GEM: "A £500 donation has gone to the Vale Parent Pupil Volunteer Homework Group based in Rhosce."

"The group is run by Cath Watkins and Maria Thompson. The purpose is to assist children of mixed academic abilities with education in a non-school environment and it has even branched out to offer a range of courses for adolescents and adults."

"Initially, they started with just five children but now have 200 on the books!"

"The Jam Fund has assisted the club with financial donations before."

In recognition of the support provided by the charity, the group presents the 'Jamie Adamson Shield' at its annual presentation evening.

Paul went on: "We have also given a cheque of £1,000 for five-year-old Lacey Mae who has bravely fought a brain tumour. It will enable the family to buy Lacey Mae and her brothers some gifts."

The Jam Fund has also been able to help three-year-old Ollie Meredith. Paul said: "We were delighted to make a presentation to Sean and Sophie and their children Summer, aged seven, and Ollie, aged three."

"Ollie was born with an extra chromosome which means he had faced many difficulties in his life."

"We donated a cheque of £750 which is half of the amount required to purchase Ollie a special chair to keep him comfortable. The chair is made to order and has special attachments."

"The rest of the funds were raised by Barry Rotary Club and new life charities."

The Jam Fund is supported by volunteers like Carlie James, who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in October and raised £800. Another local runner, Daniel Ladner, raised almost £200.

Their collective amount was matched by the Jam Fund and a cheque for £2,000 was donated to Adam and Emma Sargent, the parents of Sebastian, who needs an 'Eye Gaze' machine to help him talk to his mum and dad.

The total cost of the machine is £8,500, and the Jam Fund's Denise Adamson was present at a recent fundraiser for Sebastian at Cadoxton Conservative Club and was able to hand over the gift there.

But that is not all. The Jam Fund is helping even more youngsters. A little girl aged 11 from Barry is about to receive £1,000 towards a special 'p pod' chair similar to Ollie's.

A teenage boy from the north of England has received £1,000 towards specialist physiotherapy, and an 11-year-old girl from the south of England has received a cheque of £1,000 towards some special glasses to help her see more clearly and spend a little time on holiday.

The total recent donations are £7,250.

Paul added: "I want to say a special 'thank you' to Carlie and Daniel and all those who sponsored them, and all those local people who have and continue to support the Jam Fund."

"The vast majority of funds raised are now spent on children living in the Vale and Cardiff, and the charity has raised approximately £410,000 since it started 12 years ago, which is far more than I had anticipated."



Ollie Meredith in his special 'p pod' chair.



Paul Adamson of the Jam Fund with Sean, Sophie, Summer and Ollie Meredith.



Paul with Carlie James, who ran the Cardiff Half Marathon and raised £800 for the Jam Fund.



RIGHT: A £500 donation has gone to the Vale Parent Pupil Volunteer Homework Group. From left to right, Maria Thompson, Denise Adamson of the Jam Fund, and Catherine Watkins.



A fundraiser was held for Sebastian Sargent at Cadoxton Conservative Club. From left: Adam Sargent, Carlie James, Emma Sargent and Denise Adamson. The Jam Fund has given a cheque of £2,000 which will be put towards an 'Eye Gaze' machine for Sebastian.



Paul with Donna, Rob and Lacey Mae.

## Bake sale success

ISOBEL Pearce (aged nine) from Penarth decided to raise some money for a local good cause: the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice.

Enlisting the help of her friends Sophia and Lara, Isobel approached her headteacher at Howell's School to ask if she could hold a charity bake sale.

Together, the girls raised an £136.56.



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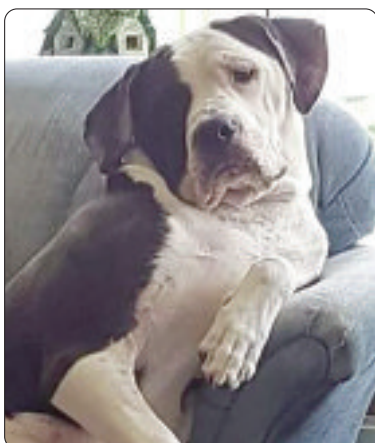
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# Missing Skyla is sought



**DOGS Trust** is desperately appealing for help in finding a young bitch called Skyla.

The black and white American Bulldog escaped from the rehoming centre in Pen-Y-Fai, Bridgend, on Sunday afternoon during a visit with her owner.

Skyla, who is described as very nervous, has not been sighted since Sunday afternoon. At the time she disappeared she was wearing a pink collar with a pink lead, but it is possible that these may have now become detached from her face. Skyla is microchipped." SG

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# Apprentices left stirred by Aston Martin HQ visit



**SOME 22 Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) auto junior apprentices, aged 14 to 16, visited Aston Martin's Gaydon headquarters in Warwickshire recently.**

The apprentices had a tour of the facility and met members of staff who explained the various job roles and apprenticeships that will be available when Aston Martin opens its second manufacturing facility at MoD St Athan in 2018.

Karen Botting, Aston Martin's senior manager of learning and development, said: "As part of our CSR strategy we hosted the junior apprentices from CAVC to increase their aspirations for the

future, and explain the type of job roles, skills and attitude required for a luxury brand.

"A successful day if we were able to influence their views and attitude to learning for a better future."

CAVC vice principal Sharon James said: "CAVC and Aston Martin have a long-standing collaborative partnership, with its new facility opening in St Athan in 2018.

"Two of our former students are already training to become part of the first cohort of apprentices at the new site, and visits like this can only strengthen this partnership as we introduce the next generation of auto engineers to their potential employers."

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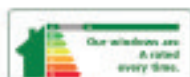
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Fun was had  
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**MUSEUMS across Wales celebrated and promoted Welsh culture at this year's Welsh Museums Festival, which ran from October 28 to November 5.**

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Taking the theme of 'Be Amazed', this year's Welsh Museums Festival programme had something to cater for everybody's taste.

At Porthcawl Museum, there were special archaeological events and activities, including an archaeological dig supported by the Glamorgan and Gwent archaeological Trust (GGAT), when children undertook a 'dig' in the garden of the museum using tools and instructions from Paul Huckfield of GGAT.

Once they uncovered finds, they then had to clean, identify and record them before making them ready for display in the museum's archaeology display.

This day included lunch and each child went home with a small gift and book from the museum

and GGAT.

Volunteers from the museum produced Roman food, including Roman flat bread, cheesecake and honey cakes, which went down well with the stewards and the public on John Street.

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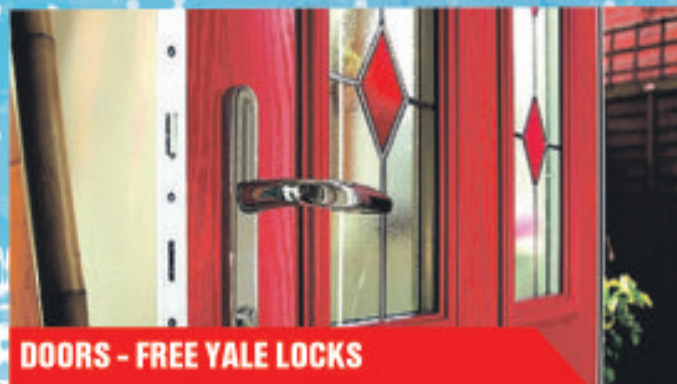
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# BRANAGH'S ORIENT EXPRESS IS A TRAIN WRECK LOADED UP WITH HAM ACTORS

**T**HE concept of Agatha Christie and the character of Hercule Poirot always has the whiff of Sunday evenings about it, such was the proliferation of adventures embarked upon by the great detective (played in that incarnation by David Suchet) in my youth.

However, Kenneth Branagh aims to blow away the fustiness of the character in a new adaptation of perhaps Poirot's most famous case, the *Murder on the Orient Express*. Directing and also playing Poirot himself, Branagh (and his most formidable moustache) investigates the murder of a businessman (Johnny Depp) while confined to the carriages of the titular train.

Amongst the suspects are the likes of Dame Judi Dench, Daisy Ridley, Josh Gad and Michelle Pfeiffer – but can the esteemed Poirot track down the murderer?

*Murder on the Orient Express* opens with a moment of comedy, as Poirot demands two boiled eggs of the exact same dimensions, before solving a case involving the theft of a religious artefact that is painfully obvious who the culprit is, if not the why.

On such unsteady and tonally disparate foundations the entire film is based, as ... *Orient Express* is a film that

never quite nails the tone of what it's trying to achieve, is stuffed to the ceiling with the hammiest acting performances and feels cumbersome and leaden in the extreme.

Kenneth Branagh's directorial career huge shot in the arm after tackling the debut adventure of *Thor*. Since then, he's helmed the hugely underwhelming *Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit* and the glossy, yet vapid, live-action version of *Cinderella*.

If Branagh was aiming for his mediocre hat-trick with this film, then he has succeeded with aplomb.

Some nice little flourishes here and there aside, the film feels lacking in every area; there is no dynamism, no tension, no moments of revealing a clue and then pulling the rug out from under you.

Whether it's a fault of the story itself, or Michael Green's screenplay, you never get a real feeling of the stakes, never get truly invested in the 'whodunnit' at the core.

The murder and mystery behind it, coupled with the suspects being stuck on a snowed-in train should make



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for fireworks, a chamber piece dripping with questions and puzzles. Instead, the story plays out at a quick pace, but never really lights a match under proceedings, things just simmering gently

Even if the direction is lacking, you would expect such a starry and award-laden cast to really sink their teeth into a piece of work like this.

Instead, Branagh puts a little too much focus on Poirot, a subplot involving a lost love cumbersome, and he all too often resorts to ill-timed comedy to undercut the mood.

While it's nice to see Johnny Depp not behaving like an idiot and wearing a silly costume, his villainous character doesn't work, while the likes of Daisy Ridley, Judi Dench, Olivia Coleman and Josh Gad are neither given enough screen time nor enough characterization for them to really resonate.

A special word for Tom Bateman's Bouc, who delivers a master class in overacting that makes you wish that rather than

being the man in charge of the Orient Express, he was in fact the first victim of the murderer.

He's not alone, far from it, as you could quite easily extract several pounds of ham from the cast members, but his ludicrous performance is symptomatic of the film as a whole, all involved obviously enjoying a break from the rigors of essaying actual characters and doing some actual acting.

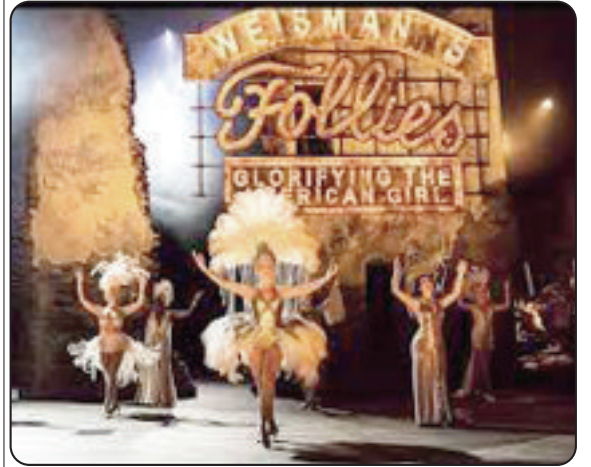
It's a real shame, as given how successful the reinventions of the likes of Sherlock Holmes have proved, there's obviously a market and a demand to see these stories and characters given a new lick of paint.

With *Murder on the Orient Express*, it's a shame that they bothered, as this is an absolute train wreck of a film, one that comes off the tracks early on and never gets back on them.

**VERDICT:** A woeful 21st century update of Agatha Christie's most well-known Hercule Poirot adventure, *Murder on the Orient Express* is a terrible film, full of leaden direction and over-the-top acting that leaves you feeling you're watching a poor amateur dramatic group rather than some of Hollywood's great and good. A sequel-baiting line at the end suggests further adventures for Kenneth Branagh's Poirot – you can only hope they remain unfilmed. *Avoid at all costs.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Identity* (2003), *Death On The Nile* (1978).

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The production is directed by Dominic Cooke (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*).

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## The Barry men who were shot down by the Red Baron – LOCAL MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE SKIES DURING WWI

**AWARD-winning military historian Dr Jonathan Hicks pays tribute to the local airmen who fought in the First World War:**

When Great Britain declared war on Germany on August 4, 1914 the Royal Flying Corps was just over two years old, and it was on November 29, 1917, that an Act of Parliament establishing the Royal Air Force received the Royal Assent of King George V.

The Royal Air Force was formed by the combining of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The RFC was part of the British Army and was divided into Naval and Military wings.

Wales provided pilots, observers, ground crew and other logistical support to all branches of the service.

While writing my book on the Battle of Passchendaele, I started to come across references to Welsh airmen and discovered that very little has hitherto been written about them. For example, there are dozens of Welsh 'aces' who were required to down five or more enemy aircraft to qualify for this prestigious title. One of them was the

fourth highest-scoring Allied ace of the war and yet he is virtually unknown. Every one of them deserves recognition and what follow are details of the men from Barry who served in the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War.

Lieutenant John Stephen Windsor of Barry Dock was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery while night flying in Mesopotamia, and was also recommended for promotion as Captain and Flight Commander.

The action by which Windsor won the MC occurred on September 23, 1916, when he started out before dawn and flew for 60 miles to an enemy aerodrome to destroy it.

Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, he bombed the target and returned safely to base. It was then discovered that he had 70 bullet holes in the wings of his machine, his service petrol tank was shot through and one bullet had passed just over his knees.

Windsor had served his apprenticeship as an engineer with the Barry Railway Company before war broke out. He entered for the Sandhurst Royal Military College examination and gained admission. Upon



John Windsor.

passing out, he was gazetted to the South Wales Borderers in November 1915 and was later attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

He left for Mesopotamia in June 1916 and went through all the fighting at Kut and Baghdad, being one of the first aviators to drop bombs on Baghdad and one of the first to fly into the ancient city on the day the Turks evacuated it.

Windsor also flew 150 miles from Baghdad to the Russian forces, but as the ground was very rough for landing, the undercarriage of his machine was carried away and he was compelled to wait with the Russians for three weeks until a spare set of gear arrived.

On another occasion, he was detailed with another officer to fly to a railway bridge 60 miles behind the enemy's lines beyond Baghdad. When



Guy Everingham.

he landed to make an examination of the bridge with a view to blowing it up, 50 mounted Arabs were seen to be galloping towards him and he just had time to return to his machine and fired 100 rounds from his machine gun at them.

In May 1917, he was wounded in the wrist while flying in France and was in hospital in Devonport. He had only been in France three days, but had served in Mesopotamia for 15 months and had been an instructor for six months.

Second Lieutenant Guy Everingham was killed on April 8, 1917 aged 22. Serving with 16 Squadron, he was buried alongside his pilot, Second Lieutenant Keith Ingleby MacKenzie, in Bois-Carre British Cemetery, Thelus.

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## The men who fought in the skies...

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EVERINGHAM was born in Barry, was privately educated and was living in Colwyn Bay when war broke out. Enlisting in the 13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, he was commissioned in February 1915 and arrived in France in March 1916 serving as signalling officer.

He later served as a bombing officer with 113th Trench Mortar Battery before applying to join the Royal Flying Corps, training as an observer.

Everingham married in February 1917 and set up home with his wife in Llandudno, but was ordered to return to the front after just two days of marriage.

His BE2g was photographing the village of Farbus, north-east of Arras, just a day before the battle began. It was shot down at 4.40pm over what was to become the battlefield, so the crew were not buried for a week until the ground was taken by British troops.

Their attacker was Baron Manfred von Richthofen – the two airmen were his 39th

victory and his second of the day. The pilot, Keith MacKenzie, was von Richthofen's youngest victim, at 18.

Von Richthofen wrote in his combat report: "I was flying and surprised an English artillery flyer. After a very few shots the plane broke to pieces and fell near Vimy... remnants distributed over more than one kilometre."

Second Lieutenant Hugh Howells died in a flying accident at Spittlegate in Lincolnshire on April 10, 1917, aged 26.

Born at Bedlinog in Glamorgan where his parents ran the Railway Hotel, he was married with a young child and lived on Barry Island.

Before the war, he was an electrician with the Rhymney Iron Company. A flying magazine carried an account of his death:

*2nd Lieut. Hugh Howells, RFC, was flying an aeroplane at rather low altitude in an eastern county on April 10 when the machine fell, struck a corner of a building, and burst into flames.*

*The officer was so badly burned that he died in a neighbouring*

*military hospital during the night.*

Hugh Howells was buried at Soar-y-Graig Cemetery in Llechryd. In 2005, the chapel and cemetery were sold for development and the ground was no longer maintained. The area now lies abandoned to Japanese knotweed and bluebells. The names of the war dead were then recorded on Cardiff Western Cemetery screen wall.

David Evan Davies of 175, Barry Road was educated at Barry County School and University College, Cardiff, where he gained his MSc. He held a government appointment in the West Indies before returning home on the outbreak of war and enlisting in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps, he joined 12 Squadron at Avesnes-le-Comte on the Western Front and was shot down while flying a BE2e on April 29, 1917 by Manfred von Richthofen. His body was never recovered and he is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial. He was 25.

Roy Makepeace, originally from Barry, had an unusual period of military service. It was reported that: *Upon his release, he came over to England and joined the South African Infantry, leaving shortly afterwards for France, in which country he spent two years.*

*While taking part in the Somme Battle he was sent with a message from the headquarters to a bombing party who had captured some German trenches. He came upon a trench occupied by six Germans. With the exception of a stout stick he had nothing to defend himself, but boldly shouted to the enemy, "Hands up!" and they threw down their rifles.*

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**Roy Makepeace.**

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Royal Victor Nash Makepeace was born in

Barry in 1899. The family then emigrated to South Africa and when war was declared, he enlisted in the South African Army, aged 15, in October 1914. Two months later, he was captured by the Germans and spent the next seven months as a prisoner of war.

He then sent a telegram to his parents saying that he was going to Europe. He fought at Delville

Wood on the Somme in 1916 with the 1st South African Infantry Regiment and said later that he was physically and mentally exhausted after three charges against the German positions. His helmet had two holes as the result of being struck by shrapnel.

When the King asked him how old he was, Makepeace gave an honest response and as a result he was dismissed from the Army two days later.

He enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps and was shot down on his first mission.

Surviving the war, he was promoted to lieutenant at the age of 19 and later founded the Aero Club of South Africa.

Second Lieutenant Albert Payne, Royal Flying Corps of Travis Street, Barry Docks also met with a fatal accident on Sunday, January 1918 when making a trial flight from Hendon (where he was stationed) to Ipswich. After emigrating to Canada before the war, he had enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

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## Telling the stories of The Fallen

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Payne had arrived in France two years before he was killed, but was wounded and discharged, and stationed at the head offices of the Canadian Government in London. There he saw a recruiting poster for the RFC and subsequently enlisted.

The full story of the accident was told at the inquest at Hendon on the body of Payne and Francis Harry Varney Vise, aged 22, the pilot. A Captain Sevinbright said that Vise was an experienced pilot, although he was flying a machine that he had never flown before.

He had, however, flown one which was very similar, and the slight differences were pointed out to him before the flight.

Witnesses said that the two men reached an altitude of 1,500 feet and then descended to about around 1,000ft. He believed that the machine stalled on the turn. The climate conditions were not against flying.

Captain Clear of the Manchester Regiment, attached to the School of Instruction, said that he saw most of the flight. The machine took off steeply and when 100 feet up it made a turn and flew at a height of 800 feet. It then made a left hand turn, got into a spin and fell.

The petrol tank burst and caught alight through the machine striking the ground and not in the course of descent.

He could not account for the accident. It was



**Albert Payne.**

stated that the engine was examined before the machine left the ground and was perfectly satisfactory.

On January 25, Albert Payne's funeral took place at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery in Barry. Eight officers and about 40 men from the Lancashire Fusiliers and about 50 officers and men from the RFC attended.

The body was conveyed on a carriage and covered by the Union Jack and a wealth of floral tributes from comrades and friends.

Among the numerous wreaths was one from the officers of the School of Instruction, Hendon.

On April 19, 1918 it was reported that a Barry airman had been decorated for his service: *Serjeant-Major TJ Huxter of the Royal Air Forces in Palestine, who was mentioned in General Murray's despatches, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.*

When an apprentice at the Barry Railway Locomotive Works, he joined the Royal Field Artillery at the



**Roy Angus.**

commencement of the war, when only 18 years of age. He was subsequently transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, and sent to Egypt in 1915, being last year promoted to the charge of one of the aeroplane depots in Cairo, as technical serjeant-major.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs R. Huxter, 17 Guthrie-street, Barry Docks, and has been mentioned in the honours list by the King.

Lieutenant Roy William Angus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F W J Angus, manager of the Labour Exchange, Newport, and nephew of the late Colonel J R Angus, South Wales Borderers, were all formerly of Barry.

Roy Angus had lived at 74, Princes Street in Barry and was killed aged 23 on August 13, 1918, while flying an FE2b with 148 Squadron when it failed to pull out of a test spin and crashed.

The observer, Air Mechanic 1st Class GW King was also killed. Angus was buried in Pernes British Cemetery in France.

These men are worthy



**An FE2b aircraft, the type flown by Lieutenant Roy Angus when he had his fatal accident.**

of remembrance for their heroism in fighting a war high up in the air, where the chances of survival, if aircrew or machine were hit by enemy bullets or shrapnel, were slim.

Fire was the constant concern.

To be thousands of feet above the earth with a fire breaking out would usually mean a terrifying death long before the safety of the aerodrome could be reached. Parachutes were not issued to pilots of the RFC, though the question was considered many times.

It was felt that doing so might impair the fighting spirit of the pilot or that the speed of a descending aircraft would not permit proper deployment of the parachute.

Thus, when an engine stopped some 8,000 feet from the ground, all most pilots and observers could do was wait for the five minutes it took to fall in a near-vertical spin towards the ground and hope that a

miracle would occur.

**We will remember them.**

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of 'this tribute article. His latest book, *Wales and the First Air War 1914-1918*, was published by Y Lolfa on October 30.

Details of his other books are below. Please contact him via

www.jonathanhicks.co.uk if you have any information related to his current research

projects: Wales and the last 100 Days of 1918.

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Other books by Dr J Hicks: *The Welsh at Mametz Wood, the Somme 1916* – published April 2016.

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### Commemoration Service

**Sunday 12th November 2017**

10.20am Parade assembly near Cowbridge Town Hall  
March to War Memorial  
11.00am 2 Minute Silence & Wreath Laying  
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Please show your support  
All welcome at the Special Day's Service  
**"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"**

### 'Remember those who defend us'

**THIS Sunday, we will all take a moment to reflect and pay our respects to those who have given their lives in conflicts, both past and present.**

I recently had the pleasure of joining the team at Cowbridge Quilters while they sewed their memorial blanket embroidered with the names of all the town's fallen in WWI.

We also have the lamppost display along High Street and both are poignant reminders of the ultimate sacrifice our brave servicemen and women make.

Elsewhere in the Vale,

services will take place in towns and villages and all will be well attended.

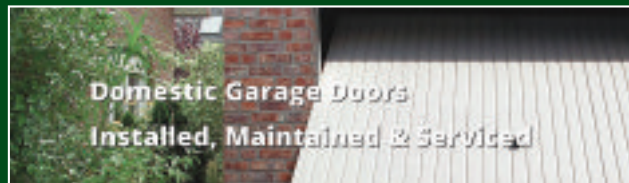
It is absolutely right that they are to commemorate the fallen. It is not about celebrating conflict – it is about remembering those who have fought to defend our freedoms.

As we reflect on the centenary of the First World War and, indeed, all wars before and since, let's all join together and remember those whose bravery has not only kept us safe, but also defended our freedoms, values and way of life.

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# How the men who built Barry tackled an unglamorous but essential infrastructure problem

**LOCAL historian Laurie Owen continues his look at the history of Barry – in particular the logistical challenges faced by the people who built the town.**

**It was, it must be remembered, rare for a town to expand as quickly as Barry did between 1890 and 1905.**

**This weeks, he looks at an unglamorous but essential piece of infrastructure – sewers.**

**I**N 1858, following the 'Great Stink' coming off the polluted Thames, politicians were forced to construct a proper sewage network in London and this in time led to other towns and cities realising the importance of a good method of waste disposal.

The 1875 Public Health Act had stipulated that all new sewers were publicly owned by the Local Board and all new housing must have self-contained sanitation and water services.

It should be remembered that in the 1880s, water was still being collected from springs, wells, brooks, streams and rivers, or from pumps strategically placed around the district.

The arrival of thousands of new residents in 1884 and beyond naturally led to massive waste management issues and urgent action was desperately needed, but it would be four years before the Local Board was established. Then securing the land and creating the plans meant a further year elapsed before the initial process could begin.

While the act of dealing with this natural, daily function would not be new to them, the sheer number of total strangers packed tightly together would surely have had a major impact on them.

With no proper sanitary system, a 'closet' at the bottom of the garden consisted of a wooden seat with a round hole, located over a large void linked to an existing cesspool. Several houses

would drain into the same cesspool, with human waste often overflowing down streets into the brooks, streams and rivers. A more private alternative was an 'earth closet' outside the back door, with a metal container or pan under the seat to collect the waste, then a covering of dried earth or ashes to mask the smell. Prior to the arrival of drainage and sewers, the householder would empty the contents of their soil pan wherever they deemed fit.

The earth closet was the 1873 invention of Henry Moule, a vicar in Dorset who patented a version with a handle which, when turned, delivered a fixed amount of earth. The vicar was convinced that poor sanitation and contaminated water led to the spread of cholera and described cesspools as 'an unnatural abomination'. Some very influential people, including the vicar, said this earth mixture after breaking down could be used as garden fertiliser and the lower classes often used it again.

It seems quite likely that Board members, being mainly successful businessmen or professionals would have had earth closets with a handle and servants to dispose of the waste.

In August 1889, a public inquiry was held by the Local Government Board Inspector to sanction a loan of £22,000, repayable over 30 years to carry out the drainage and sewerage works for Cadoxton and part of Barry Dock.

Present were representatives of the landowners Lords Windsor and Wimborne and the Wenioe Castle estate, together with Local Board members: JC Meggitt, Reverend Allen, ED Jones, John Robinson, W Thomas (Hayes), PJ O'Donnell and officers JA Hughes, JC Pardoe and George Neale MOH.

Engineer Charles Walker presented two plans: the 'eastern' outfall at the foot of Sully breakwater, to cover Cadoxton and part of Barry Dock and the 'western' from the main Police Station to St Nicholas parish church in East Barry, which would drain into Barry Harbour. The first covered an area of about 640 acres, with houses having increased from 80 in 1884 to 697 in 1888.

The western section totalled about 450 acres and already had the existing Holton Sewer on Wenioe Castle land, which had drained most of the district into Barry Harbour, before the Local

Board had been formed. There was also another sewer system, 'complete with manholes, ventilators and straight lines' with a separate outfall into the sea. Constructed in 1885, this serviced 300 houses in East Barry built by TA Walker, further illustrating the progressive nature of the Docks contractor.

These systems would be purchased at a later date. Dr Treharne worried that the 'disgraceful and dangerous' open sewers near Cadoxton Hotel and Weston Farm could lead to his patients contracting typhoid fever. Another spoke of 'soil pans' being too small, so that when the scavenger emptied them onto his cart the overflow would be left behind, causing annoyance and distress.

Cadoxton already had roughly 7,000 residents in houses with badly constructed drains emptying into cesspools which overflowed after rainfall, causing a disgusting stench and injurious to health.

With so many such incidents and daily evidence of dreadful conditions, Board members had been shocked and frustrated to find that work would be delayed for seven months until the Board of Trade gave their consent for the outfall sewers.

In the meantime, homes were being built at an alarming rate by many different builders, with no means yet in place for waste disposal and Cadoxton Brook was in a disgusting state, with new houses draining into it.

Members were told that 300 houses near the main Police Station would soon be occupied and often with two families in each, it was estimated that eight sewage carts would be needed just to remove their daily waste.

WR Parker of Penarth began constructing the eastern system in the summer of 1890, covering a distance of 10 miles.

Just one year later, the chairman of the Local Board JC Meggitt and the engineer CR Walker proudly opened the Cadoxton Sewerage Works. A large crowd of important people attended the ceremony and accompanied the officials from Weston Bridge across the Moors to the outfall near Bendrick Rocks, a total of 4,384 feet. Costing £20,000, it could service a population of up to 40,000, but still only covered one half of the whole district.

The next stage was to connect to individual houses.

The Barry and

Cadoxton Ratepayers' Protection Association were very critical of the Local Board in April 1891, deeming them incapable of 'grappling with the extraordinary speed of growth' over the last few years. To an outsider looking on, this seemed harsh given their own use of 'extraordinary' and the fact that the new system was soon to be operational.

Most of their complaints revolved around Holton, with 'thick, foul and discoloured water, streams of filth and pools of excrement' in the back lanes and roads. Some closet pans had not been emptied for a month and when a frustrated Inspector of Nuisances told a woman to empty her own pan, cries of "shame" rang out in the meeting.

Credit was however given to the Board for connecting some closets to the sewer, thereby doing away with the soil pan system.

In October 1891 it was agreed that public urinals should be erected opposite the Royal Hotel, at the bottom of Vere Street and Island Road, but not near the Police Station because of the school.

You would think that many of the Board's problems had now been resolved, but they had great difficulty educating the public and encouraging them to adapt to new ideas.

A circular was sent to householders asking them not to 'thrust rags, bottles and tins' down the cisterns, and reports of donkey remains being found in a cesspool in Gueret Street highlighted the task involved.

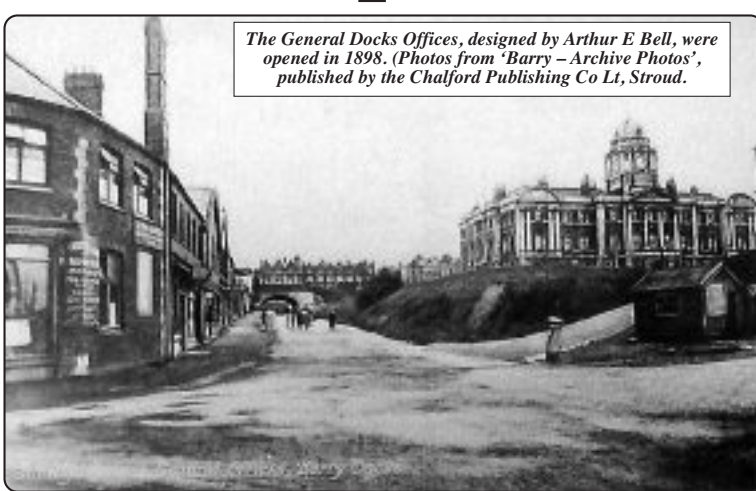
Dr O'Donnell condemned the practice of connecting water closets to cesspools and consistently pushed for each house to have 'flushing apparatus', in an effort to keep the sewers clean.

Engineer John Robinson stressed that cesspools were only supposed to take house drainage. Dr Neale thought residents could flush with slop water and chairman JC Meggitt advised that flushing apparatus should not be compulsory, as the Board was in a 'condition of impecuniosity'.

The MOH Dr George Neale reported in July that there were 16 cases of scarlet fever and three of typhoid, with two of those at Palmerstown, caused by the stench of night soil being tipped near the houses. Although the local by-law stipulated that water must be supplied to water closets, only one per cent of houses had water for

flushing. Above the seat was a tank filled with water and by pulling the chain attached to it, the waste would be flushed into the drain and on to the sewer. This system was still in place in our outside toilet as we grew up in the 1940s.

Following lengthy discussions, agreement



The General Docks Offices, designed by Arthur E Bell, were opened in 1898. (Photos from 'Barry - Archive Photos', published by the Chalford Publishing Co Lt, Stroud.



ABOVE: No. 2 dock with pitwood, perhaps from Canada, being uploaded c. 1910.

was reached. An outfall for the Docks Company would be provided in the new works, with the Barry Island sewer, this last had been built thereon.

It was interesting to read that the Board of Trade insisted the Docks Company must maintain and keep Barry Harbour as a 'harbour of refuge' which must be 'kept clear'.

Finally in August 1893, work began on the 'western' sewer system, initially employing 90 men increasing to 150.

The following summer, W Thomas, the chairman of the Public Works Committee and the engineer CR Walker, officially opened the sewerage works from Barry to Cold Knap.

Constructed to dispose of the waste of Holton and Barry, the ceremony began with 'turning the valve' at the main junction in Dock View Road.

The new works comprised 1,500 yards of brick sewer from Island Road along Barry Dock Road (Broad Street), past the Barry Hotel and station to Harbour Road, along the Parade, then across fields to the foreshore at Cold Knap Point. Sewage would now be carried well out into the tideway of the

Channel, with branch pipes from existing sewers of the Barry Castle Valley and Barry Island, built into this one outfall. Given the stipulation regarding 300 houses having to be built on Barry Island, this last statement was a contradiction.

In parts it was 20 to 50 feet below the surface, with rock at the sea-end extremely hard and because it was below the high-water mark, work was interrupted by the tides. George Ruter was congratulated for overcoming the many obstacles and completing the work on time at a cost of £13,000.

An article in the press recorded how the existing sewer had emptied into Barry Harbour and was 'a source of annoyance to the public walking along the otherwise pleasant pathway leading to Barry Island'. The new outfall being '1.25 miles beyond the harbour' would remove that 'annoyance'.

Board members and councillors gave up their time with no remuneration, rarely receiving anything but criticism, so the following independent comments should have reminded some people how lucky they were.

The Barry Dock News described how the local board had shown the 'greatest and most creditable activity in three struggling villages into one compact and well-ordered town of roughly 15,000 residents'. A later magazine article suggested that Barry was one of the 'best sanitary towns in the kingdom or at least in the principality', having spent about £40,000 on sewerage works with almost all houses now connected.

In November 1896, the Sanitary Inspector reported that 3,057 houses had flushing tanks but 852 were still without.

Of interest to some readers of this story, was the borrowing of £100 to erect two tall sewer ventilating shafts at Park Crescent and St Nicholas Road and they can still be seen opposite Castle Street and on the corner of Miskin Street.

'Chamber pots' were a great help at that time and as we grew up in the 1940s, the crockery pots were still present under the bed in case of emergency, though only of the liquid variety. After the War, our outside toilets still had ventilation, in the door making it very cold; and after dark it was a scary place for young children.



# Capturing all the sights and sounds when thousands of runners set off around Cardiff

THE Cardiff Half Marathon is now a fixture in the running and charity challenge calendar and this year was no different, with thousand taking part on the annual run around the city!



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## Going loco... in Barry

AS a youngster, many, many years ago now, my mother often took my sister Valerie and me to Barry Island.

We would catch the train in Cardiff for the short journey; and looking through the 96 pages and the 180 illustrations of the rusting trains and – not being a railway buff – I wondered if any of those locomotives could have taken us on those memorable trips to the sea-side all those years ago.

The author of *Barry Scrap Yard* (Amberley Books at £14.99) Keith W Platt made his first visit to Woodham's scrapyard, Barry in the late 1960s at a time when steam locomotives could still be seen on the national network, going about the everyday business of working goods and passenger trains.

With the final withdrawal of steam operations, he began to make more visits to Barry as it became the very last bastion of British Railway's steam locomotives.

Keith sought to record, on slide film, the images of locomotives and the photos taken on those trips inadvertently reveal the gradual blossoming of the preservation movement.

The number of locomotives in the yard shrank – not because they had been cut up, but because they had been sold to individuals and societies. They had been removed to one of the many preservation sites and steam railways and have become the backbone of the heritage railway preservation movement in this country.

It's hard to believe, seeing the shape some of those locomotives were in, that some of them have been fully restored to working order. Railway buffs will love this 'labour of love' book.

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# Looking back at the Cardiff Half Marathon – where local runners run with the best

THE recent Cardiff Half Marathon was as popular and ever and, as usual, runners from the Vale and Bridgend county borough (The GEM's circulation area) were out in force.

While the highly-trained star athletes led the way, thousands more runners followed in their wake!

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# Out & About with The GEM

## Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, November 9, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes local lecturer Stella Lyons who will give an illustrated lecture on 'Secrets and Symbols in Paintings: Unlocking hidden meanings in Art'. Stella is an Arts Society accredited lecturer in the history of art and lectures widely to numerous groups in various locations.

On Thursday, November 16, the society opens its winter exhibition in Old Hall, where members' work will be on display leading up to Christmas.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on Art topics.

For more information, visit [www.cowbridgeartsociety.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.com) and [www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart](http://www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart).

## Dinas Powys Players present...

THE Vicar of Dibley will be presented by the Dinas Powys Players at the Parish Hall, Britway Road on November 9, 10 and 11 at 7.30pm.

For tickets call 02920 512868.

## Tenovus Christmas fair

THIS year the Friends of Tenovus Bridgend have arranged a Christmas Fair to take place on Saturday, November 11 at Brackla Community Centre, Brackla, Bridgend.

The fair will run from 3pm-6pm, entry is £2 to include tea and coffee. There will be a wide selection of craft stalls with Christmas in mind; gifts, a raffle and cake stalls.

Also two performances from the Bridgend 'Sing With Us' Tenovus choir, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. All money raised will go to Tenovus Cancer Care. To book a stall (for £10), call 07708 234734 or 07719 425200.

## Bazaar in Barry

BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas Bazaar on November 11 from 10.30am til 2pm.

We are situated on the Waterfront between the Medical Centre and Poundstretchers in the Portakabin. Entry will be £1 which will include a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit.

Various stalls will sell Christmas goods, cakes and cards, also a raffle. Please come and support us: any money taken will go towards church funds.

## Wick Artists exhibit

THE Wick Group of Artists are holding their autumn exhibition on Saturday, November 11 at Wick Village Hall, Church Street, Wick, Vale of Glamorgan from 10.30am 4.30pm.

Visitors can watch the artists at work, purchase pictures in different media as well as other items of interest. Entry is adults £1, children

50p (to include tea/coffee and cake).

Twenty-five per cent of all profits to Wick Village Hall and Wick Church roof restoration.

For further information call 07941 203939.

## Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, November 12 meet at 2pm outside St Andrew's Church in St Andrews for a Woodland Circular walk.

On Monday, November 13 meet at 11am outside All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry for a Sea View and Country Park walk.

On Wednesday, November 15 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap at 10.30am.

In Cowbridge the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden Fountain.

## Remembrance at Lavernock

THE old former Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock will be the setting for an hour of remembrance on Sunday, November 12 at 3pm.

Hymns, scripture and poetry readings, and a prayerful act of remembrance should help to evoke the spirit of this season of memories. There will be a warm welcome for everyone. A free car park can be found on the left of Fort Road just before the church.

For enquiries call Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20 701303.

## Open Studio

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Come along on Tuesday, November 14 to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry between 10am and 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

## Woody's Lodge

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session for veterans of the Armed Forces and Emergency Services who are over 65.

Woody's Lodge is a new charity based at Royal Navy HMS Cambria at Hayes Road, Sully. The Charity's remit is to act as a social and communications hub for those who have served in the forces.

Woody's is for socialising with other veterans, solving issues such as pensions and entitlements as well as health and welfare issues.

On Tuesday, November 14 from 10am to 12pm an officer from Woody's will be at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, to chat to.

Call 01446 732385 for further information, or call Woody's Lodge on 01446 730777.

## Barry Floral Society

ON Tuesday, November 14 members will be entertained by Mrs Elizabeth Gordon of Swansea with her demonstration 'A Berry, Merry Christmas', starting at 2.15pm at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

## Neighbourhood Watch

THERE will be a public meeting to promote Neighbourhood Watch on Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm in the Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major. All members of the public are welcome; refreshments available.

## Police dog demonstration

PENCOED Town and District Twinning Association will be organising a talk and demonstration of Police dog handling in Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall on Wednesday, November 15.

This will be given by PC Mike Newman, South Wales Police. Start time is 7.30pm with a crime-themed quiz to follow! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Tickets £5, available from Mark Steer on 01443 230282, email [marksteer150@gmail.com](mailto:marksteer150@gmail.com) or Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633, email [eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com](mailto:eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com).

## Cowbridge RBL AGM

THE AGM of the Cowbridge and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held at 7pm on Thursday, November 16 in the Duke of Wellington. All branch members should attend this meeting and interested non-members will also be welcome.

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## Old photographs shine a light on times past



Llantwit Major around 1905.



The barque Francoise de Ambroise

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A L O C A L historian, Brian Keitch of Penarth, recently discovered a number of fascinating old photographs of the area – taken by a relative more than 100 years ago!

Brian explained: "Over 100 years ago, my great grandfather, John Lewis, lived in the Penarth area and was a very keen photographer. "A collection of the glass plates he took circa 1905 to 1910 have come down to us and provide a glimpse of what interested him all that time ago."

This week's image was taken in Llantwit Major, and it reminds us all how the old town centre has stayed very similar, while roads, of course, have changed.

Brian dates it at around 1905, and it is a striking view of St Illtud's Church and he wonders if the building on the left of the photograph is the monastic mill?

Brian's first image was of the barque *Francoise de Ambroise* seen tied up on the north side of Penarth dock.

He mentioned that he could find no record of the vessel in shipping registers, but we are delighted to say that history-minded GEM readers were able to help.

Brian reported:

Francoise de Ambroise - steel barque, 1,973 gross - 1,741 net tons. Launched 1901 by A Dubigeon of Nantes for Societe Bretonne de Navigation de Nantes.

The vessel's maiden voyage was from Swansea to San Francisco with coal. Homeward bound in 1908 from west coast of South America, rounding Cape Horn, the ship passed 141 icebergs, some of them 100 miles long.

In 1910 the ship loaded at Penarth (possibly when the photograph was taken) and in 1912 she was sold to Societe Generale d'Armement de Nantes. In 1916, while on a passage from Leith to Valparaiso, she was torpedoed by the German submarine U22 about 68 miles north west of Fair Isle.

He said: "Many thanks to David Sheen of Dinas Powys and Tony Calderbank of Barry who kindly contacted me with this fascinating information.

Also to Alan Thorne for the same information in his excellent books, *The Sail of Cardiff Bay* (2007) Volumes 1 & 2.

## Choir gets ready to cheerlead for Wales



**ANOTHER event in a very special year for Barry Male Voice Choir rapidly approaches.**

Time is now measured in days before the Rugby International between Wales and Australia on the hallowed turf of the Principality Stadium on November 11, where the choir will be one of three choirs singing together as a part of the pre-match entertainment in front of 70,000 fans.

The strains of 'Advance Australia Fair', 'Waltzing Matilda', 'Calon Lan' and other Welsh favourites can now be heard along Aberystwyth Crescent during rehearsal.

"The excitement and adrenalin continue to rise," explained choir secretary Richard King, "resulting in some confusion with rugby balls and red jerseys appearing at rehearsal.

"The gestures of our musical director Dot Connell to ensure correct entries during singing have been confused with lineup calls.

"It's been difficult to keep lineup ace Martin Harries on the ground. Choristers discuss high notes and high balls as they sip their interval tea.

"Several – mainly tenors – insist that they used to be as skilful as Liam Williams in their younger days! The bass section very much doubt

these claims. "2017 will certainly rank among the best in the choir's 115 years history," added choir chairman Gareth Roberts.

"A never-to-be-forgotten visit to the Ypres battlefields in June and now the appearance of the choir at the Principality Stadium is a reflection of the choir's growth, stature and growing reputation. The match will be a very proud occasion for us all.

"We will all give of our best and cherish the moments made possible by the unwavering efforts of Dot Connell and accompanists Emma Arscott and James Bull."

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# THE ALL-NEW GOLDEN MILE IS A FINE ADDITION TO LOCAL DINING SCENE

**T**HE Golden Mile in Corntown has new owners and is now up and running after an extensive refit offering a wide-ranging menu of "upmarket pub grub".

That's new owner Liz Lewis's description and it's spot on. She and her husband Matthew recently bought the pub and set about transforming it.

In recent years, a series of tenants have struggled to make the pub work. The difficulties of running a business owned by one of the pub chains have been cited, but The Golden Mile is now a free house – entirely under Liz and Matthew's control.

The GEM visited on a Thursday evening, and it was encouraging to find a busy pub bar – and the majority of tables in the restaurant occupied. Considering they have been open for two months, word of mouth has been doing a good job.

With eight starters on offer (two vegetarian) there was plenty of choice. I chose the sautéed wild mushrooms served on toasted sourdough and the generous portion was reassuring, as was the flavour of a dish that really enjoyable.

My guest chose the 'chorizo Iberico hash with poached hen's egg and pepper mayonnaise' and again, along came a generous portion. Not a hash in the sense either of us expected, it was made up of pieces of spicy chorizo and (a lot of) mini potatoes, covered in an excellent sauce, with the egg and mayonnaise providing variety.

Moving on to the extensive main course menu, it took a while to decide, but I was delighted with my choice – the 'rabbit casserole with sage and apple dumplings and a Glamorgan cider sauce'.

This was real quality comfort food, with generous



The restaurant at the Golden Mile.

hunks of rabbit, and the dumplings brought back memories of family meals in times gone by!

The rabbit had been my second choice, but my guest picked the dish I had pencilled in – a 'Duo of pork, free range pressed pork belly with pork tenderloin, roast heritage carrots, black pudding crumbs, parmentier potatoes and pork jus'.

Obviously, you can't do a restaurant review and

have the same meal, but I did get to try the pork tenderloin, which was, indeed, tender and juicy and full of flavour.

Oddly enough, the pork belly disappeared rather quickly, and she was delighted with the mix of flavours, with the black pudding crumbs working well with the pork.

Her only complaint was that there were too many

potatoes. It's easy to say that you should leave them but if they are tasty, that's not so simple.

The nett result of this was that when it came to choosing a dessert, we were both a bit full, forcing us to rule out a very tempting sticky toffee pudding, not to mention the fried donut sundae!

My guest went for the 'Lemon Crunch' – a layered dessert featuring lemon curd, Italian meringue, blackcurrant creme and poppy seed shortbread. This was excellent and the contrasting flavours made it a real treat.

I went for the Turkish delight creme brulee with home-made shortbread, and I was intrigued to see how this would work out. In fact, and perhaps the menu was a little misleading, it turned out to be a creme brulee with two pieces of Turkish delight on the side, along with the shortbread.. It was, however, a sumptuously good creme brulee!

On the evidence of this meal, The Golden Mile should be an excellent addition to the dining scene in the Vale and Bridgend.

There is a tempting sandwich menu available between noon and 5pm, but anyone eating from the full menu can expect to pay between £20 and £27 for a three-course meal, not including drinks, although you should add around a fiver if you fancy one of their steaks.

The generous portion sizes, of course, could leave you quite content with two courses!

There's an extensive wine list, with bottles starting at £14.95, and then moving upwards, offering a very good choice.

Sunday lunches are popular, and they are offering three sittings already, so the signs are all positive for a pub/restaurant that is making a welcome return to the dining scene!

## Rugby club welcomes the community for a fun-packed Bonfire Night as Llantwit Major comes out to enjoy the fireworks display

**PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY WICKS**  
Telephone 07855 374478

You can, of course, buy fireworks and set them off in your back garden but there is nothing quite like a full-blown firework display – and that's what locals enjoyed at Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club on Bonfire Night.

The weather was cold, but there was hot food and, in the picture (bottom left) you could defy the health and safety brigade and live life on the edge by lighting up .....some sparklers!





# Lighting up the sky in Porthcawl at the town's community bonfire celebrations

ONE GEM reader was so impressed with this year's firework display at the Hi-Tide Inn that he decided to pen a letter:

**I** WISH to express gratitude and appreciation to the Hi-Tide Inn for what has become their annual fireworks display, giving pleasure to thousands of people both in Porthcawl and nearby.

I understand it is watched, and has indeed become the annual celebration of choice not just on site and in town, but from Trecco and even as far away as Ogmore on Sea, and it is only one of a number of ways in which this pub contributes to the life of our community.

This was a great display and fun family evening and all free. Many thanks to all concerned

**Andrew Collier.**

*GEM NOTE: The display was on Saturday, November 4, and followed the lighting of the town's bonfire – a community charity event.*



*Local photographer Roger Harrison took these stunning shots.*

*For the technically minded, they were captured on an old Hasselblad on slide film.*

*You can see more of Roger's work on [www.cariadus.com](http://www.cariadus.com) and on Instagram/Twitter @cariadus*





# Bridgend Sports mini and junior round-up



**It was a trip to the seaside this week for all mini teams with away games against the Seaweeds at Porthcawl.**

The under-7s, 8s, 10s and 11s all played whilst the under-9s went without a game as unfortunately, the home team gave early notice that the fixture could not be fulfilled.

The junior teams were mostly at home against a mix of clubs. The under-15s travelled to Swansea Valley side Vardre.

All teams held a minute's silence for former Sports player Alan Harris who sadly passed away on Thursday after a short period of illness. Our deepest condolences and sympathy are extended to Alan's family.

In the home games, the morning kicked off with games for the under-12s and 14s.

**The under-12s** showed they are continuing to learn and grow with a fine 50-5 victory over Porth Harlequins.

**The under-14s** played Llantwit Major, both teams competed strongly at the breakdown. The Sports registered their first score after securing quick ball. They made good use of an overlap for Rhys Vaughan to score in the corner.

Sports scored their second just before half time when Luke Yates burst through a gap in Llantwit's defence. Owain Peters added the conversion.

In the second half the Sports piled on the pressure with Rhys Vaughan scoring two further tries to complete his hat-trick.

The final try of the game was an interception by Khadier Mader who scored directly under the posts. Owain Peters converted to complete the scores and secure a 29-0 victory. Rhys Vaughan was player of the week.

**The under-15s** were at Vardre where they paid the price for a slow start. They conceded two tries within minutes before they fought back with a try.

Vardre restored their lead before the Sports scored again to make the game all square at 19-19 at the end of the first half.

Vardre were out of the blocks early in the second half to restore their lead before the Sports levelled again and to up a nail-

biting finale.

It was Vardre who claimed the honours with the final try to register a 29-24 victory.

Jamie Carr, Curtis Lewis and Ethan Powell scored the Sports tries. Dafydd Williams added two conversions.

**The under-16s** played their second game of the week, having enjoyed an exciting game against Aberavon Green Stars on Wednesday where they pulled off the narrowest of victories with a 31-32 win.

Tourists, Whitehead, were the visitors this week-end. It was another close affair but this time the under-16s fell short, going down by 15-19. Sports try scorers were from Deacon Coles (two) and Ethan Bevan.

Down at the seaside, **the under-11s** were on fine form as they played three, 20-minute periods against Porthcawl. They did not have it all their own way however.

They battled back after the home team raced into a 14-0 lead with two quick tries that were converted.

The Sports hit back when Ben Evans was set free from the kick off. He set off on a run, evading defenders before he was tackled on the Porthcawl five-metre line. Good support from Dan Harris enabled him to crash over for the Sports' first try of the game. Jack Spurdutty converted.

Porthcawl hit back with another converted try to take the score to 21-7.

It was a hectic first 15 minutes as the Sports struggled to get a grip of the game but they gradually turned the screw for Dan Harris and Ben Evans to score further tries with Jack Spurdutty on fine form with the boot to level the scores at half-time.

In the second period, the Sports forwards started to punch holes in the Porthcawl defence. There were some good strong runs by Gruff Roberts, Deacon Keseru, Dylan Harrison, Lewis and Callum Maul. The continued pressure was rewarded with tries from Joel Bennett and Deacon Keseru, again converted by Jack Spurdutty for the Sports to lead 21-35.

With their tails up the away team entered the third period, sustaining the pressure in both defence and attack to

score five further tries through Ben Evans (three) and Dom Hurley and Sam Gardner. Dom Hurley leapt over a ruck to score in the corner for his, and Sam Gardner cleverly released the ball when tackled only to then play the ball again by picking it back up and diving over the try line. Three of the tries were converted by Eli Davies, Ben Evans and Jack Spurdutty.

It was an excellent all-round team effort as they had forced their way back into the game against a useful Porthcawl team.

**The under-10s** narrowly lost to Porthcawl by one score in a thriller with some glorious tries scored. In the true spirit of junior and mini rugby, the Sports loaned Porthcawl a player.

Despite a valiant effort the Sports were pipped 51-46 but rugby was the overall winner. Gabriel Burroughs was Sports player of the week.

**The under-8s** also enjoyed the sea air as all players worked hard in their three periods of rugby. In this game, the Sports raced off in the first period to register six tries against Porthcawl's three.

The second was a little closer at two tries to five, and only one try separated the two sides in the third as the Sports edged the period five tries to four to make the overall game score Porthcawl 8 Bridgend Sports 16.

Sports try scorers were Zack Hughes, Ellis Morgan, Dan Perriman (four), Rhys Evans (two), Thomas Roberts (three), Rhodri Owen, Kayden Jones (two) and Gethin Jones (two). Star player of the week was Thomas Roberts.

**The under-7s** narrowly lost out 10 points to 9 to the Seaweeds in another entertaining game that was full of running. Sports try scorers were Alan Rees with two and side-stepping starlet Ollie Balmer with seven.

This was supported by some expert tagging from Gethin Roberts, Tyler Pascoe, Matthew Griffiths and Archie Hall.

Ollie Balmer was awarded player of the week and Holly Eynon the most improved player.

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**ABOVE: Bridgend Sports under-12s paying their respects to former Sports player Alan Harris.**

## Sports under 12s turn on the style

**The Sports under-12s were privileged to host Porth Harlequins, a club with a great attitude and ethos of encouraging young players into the game.**

The Quins kicked off and were up quick to stifle any idea the Sports had of a quick attack. For the first few minutes possession alternated as the rain supplied the greasy conditions.

After five minutes, Callum Jones moved into the line from full back to throw the Quins defence with a couple of steps.

He ran through the middle to score a try from just inside the Quins' half. Cian John added the conversion.

A second try came quickly, as Harri Williams fielded the kick off and set off on a wide run. He was tackled and from the ruck Megan Lewis set off. As a good flanker should, Harri Williams was back on his feet to receive a lovely inside pass to race in for the second try. Cian John added the conversion.

The Quins showed they were determined to make a game of it as they hit back almost immediately.

They were awarded a penalty and opted to move it quickly out to the wing who found himself in open space to sprint down the touchline to score.

Harri Williams added a third try for the home team when scrum half Iestyn John set off on a sniping run. He was held up just short of the line, but Williams was on hand to snaffle up the ball and ground it. Cian John converted again.

Cian John scored the fourth try following good work to cross the gain line from Callum Lewis and Thomas Coles. Mason Balmer provided the link to pass onto Cian John, who made the

break to score. He converted his own try this time.

Dylan Morgan scored the final try to round off a good first half for the Sports as they lead 33-5 at half time.

Heavy showers arrived to temper the ambitions to play a more expansive game, but both sides deserved great credit for their commitment.

This was epitomised by the next score when Tyler Willicombe Burton crashed over for the Sports.

He is a player who turns up week in week out to every training session and plays in any position he is selected. He certainly deserved the reward of the try.

Joel Rogers was next to score when he came into the line from full back to cut his way through the defence and battle his way to the line.

The final try was down to the sheer pace of Thomas Chick. The ball was moved out to his wing, and he was in space. Thomas stepped on the gas to race in for a try from within his own half. Cian John added the conversion for the final score of the game.

Next week the Sports host New Tredegar on the Bandstand field. There are a couple of spaces available within this growing squad, new players are always welcome, training is every Wednesday. Simply contact us on 07901 717446.

*Bridgend Sports matchday squad: Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins; Callum Jones; Callum Lewis; Chloe Gant; Cian John; Dylan Morgan; Dylan Parry; Harri Williams; Iestyn John; Ieuan Pilliner; Joel Rogers; Mackenzie Dent; Mason Balmer; Megan Lewis; Theo Clarke; Thomas Coles; Tyler Willicombe Burton.*

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## Llantwit Reserves progress to Barry Cup semis

**LLANTWIT MAJOR Reserves prepared for the contest missing Max Morgan and Andy Shaw, but welcoming back Gethin Jennings, Sam Mawhinney and veteran Dave Callard to the squad.**

The visitors Sully went into the tie confident after cruising their league, unbeaten in their last 10 matches.

The game started with Llantwit on top with a few early chances but with little luck and the game was still deadlocked.

Sully turned up the heat and put the Major defence under pressure, which resulted in Lee Tracey and Phil Grafton picking up early bookings.

With the defence weathering the storm, Llantwit started to test the Sully keeper and eventually Rob Kemp was rewarded for his work rate as he

snatched a spill from the keeper to make it 1-0.

The second half saw Llantwit dig their heels in and protect their result as Tracey, Coyle, Cutter and Wrigley gave everything to keep their side in the lead.

Goalkeeper Callard also was calm as ever under pressure and his experience was invaluable.

The fact that Sully Sports needed a goal saw them vulnerable on the counter attack, with Llantwit squandering numerous chances to put the tie to bed. However, one goal was enough, as Llantwit progressed to the last four.

This Saturday the reserves travel to play Rhosce.

*Squad: Callard, Cutter, Wrigley, Grafton, Tracey, Coyle, Vinson, Jennings, Kemp, Mawhinney, James-Isaac. Subs: Malton, Davies, Jennings, Pilcher, Garrett.*

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## ST ATHAN HOLD ON FOR SEMI-FINAL SPOT

**Cowbridge Town 2-3 St Athan**

**ST ATHAN made it into the last four of the Barry Cup despite a spirited fightback from Cowbridge Town after fireworks in this west Vale derby.**

Saints join Barry Athletic, FC Barry Belgrade and Llantwit Major in the semi-finals after Craig Howells' goal proved to be the winner.

St Athan came into the game missing their captain and top scorer Jordan Morimore through suspension so in came Kieran Ashton looking to make a bang.

It was a combative start in this cup tie and both sides saw tame efforts easily saved by the respective keepers.

Saints took the lead on the quarter hour mark, Reece Lewis's exquisitely delivered corner saw Deon Garrison defy gravity to head the ball in to give the away side the lead.

Cowbridge came back in search of a leveller and put pressure on the Saints' defence but a couple of efforts wide were the best the home side could muster.

Garrison then had an excellent chance to double Saints' lead, his driving run into the box saw the hard-working midfielder fire agonisingly wide when in on goal.

Cowbridge went up the other end from the goal kick and fizzed a stinging effort narrowly wide of James Andrews' near post.

Saints did double their lead five minutes before the break. Good work by Karl Steel down the left saw him cross into the box, the Town defenders failed to deal with it and Howells' flick across the box found Ashton, his effort was blocked on the line but cruelly hit another Town defender and rebounded into the net.

Despite not setting the world alight, Saints were 2-0 up at the break and comfortable.

St Athan started the second period quicker and a neat interchange of passes saw Steel put in on the right of the area and his centre was fired in by Howells to make it three.

Cowbridge, currently propping up the league table, must have feared the worst now but instead came out like a team with nothing to lose, and threw caution to the wind.

Straight away a loose ball in midfield was capitalised on and slipped through to the Town forward to finish low past Andrews, and Cowbridge had a life line.

Town lay siege to the Saints' goal, seeing a header off the line and then from the

resulting corner a free header was somehow put wide when it looked easier to score.

Saints made some must-needed changes and introduced Paul Lucas and Leigh Lewis off the bench as they looked to hit Town on the break.

Saints won a free kick just outside the Town area and a clever routine saw Tony Pugh see a rasping strike tipped over.

Town, however, broke quickly down the left, their forward cut inside and unleashed an outstanding strike into the top corner and this cup tie was alive and well.

Town threw everything at looking to get an unlikely equaliser and put pressure on Saints defence, with Andrews being called on to make a smart stop before Town saw efforts go wide, including one with nearly the last kick of the game that skimmed the outside of the post.

Saints held out and advanced to the final four. St Athan travel to Rhosce in the league next weekend.

*St Athan: Andrews, Pugh, Young, Sutcliffe, Cox, Laing, R Lewis, Garrison, Ashton, Steel, Howells. Subs - Lucas, L Lewis.*

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# The Mules kick Tondy into touch

Tondy 17 Kenfig Hill 24

**TONDU started this game the stronger, but decision making and errors cost them the game against their neighbours.**

The first quarter proved fruitless for both sides even though the commitment from both was very evident.

A try from flanker Morgan Griffiths to finish a fine move put the visitors in front in the 22nd minute and Cameron Hall's conversion made it 7-0.

A few minutes later, an interception by Lewis Morgan resulted in a try for centre Lloyd Giles with Hall again adding the extra points.

Tondy came back into it just before the interval when Terry Saunders crashed over from a rolling maul, Josh Tatchell adding the conversion to give the home side hope.

But more smooth handling from the Mules made sure the pressure stayed on the Waterwheelers when Lloyd Griffiths finished off another fine move for his second try. Hall was again on target with the kick to make it 21-7 at the break.

Tondy huffed and puffed in the second half but never found anything near their recent form.

Tatchell and Hall exchanged penalties before a 10-minute



**ABOVE:**  
Tondy scored a consolation try through captain Hywel Davies.



**ABOVE:**  
}Marc Roberts attempts a break.

stoppage for an injury to Tondy back row Stefan Jones somewhat finished the game.

Tondy were able to grab a consolation try from captain Hywel Davies which Tatchell converted but it was too little too late for the home side who really have seen better days at the office.

The referee blew the final whistle without playing any injury time but nobody could argue with the final result, the best side won on the day.

Tondy Seconds secured a narrow 24 - 19 win at Llanharan with tries from Rhys Jones, Adam Long, Rhys Samuel and Matthew Sage.

Report by Mike Sully.

Photos by Gareth and Cara Anthony.

# Cowbridge First XV pick up bonus point with fine away win

**COWBRIDGE travelled to Canton last Saturday, looking to extend the lead at the top of the table.**

From the kick off, both teams attempted to run the ball but early handling errors by both sides provided a disjointed first 10 minutes.

Then, with 12 minutes on the clock, a powerful run out of defence by Fraser McGhan, a drive up to the halfway by captain Richie Howsen, and a break on the blind-side by scrum-half Hywel Williams, released flanker Joe Davies on the touchline.

Breaking through several tackles, Joe finished with a sidestep to sprint under the posts for a superb try, converted by full back Ben Wright.

With the Cowbridge scrum on top it seemed only a matter of time before the next try but it was Canton who threatened the Cowbridge line for an extended period, but they could not find a way through the blanket defence.

**Half-time: Canton 0 Cowbridge 7**

The second half mirrored the first for 20 minutes with neat breaks by centres Ash Thomas and Tom Harrison the closest Cowbridge came to a score.

With the Cowbridge scrum continuing to dominate, a couple of front row injuries for the home side resulted in passive scrums.

Then a loose ball was cleverly kicked through by centre Thomas, kicked on again for Howsen to pick up and touch down in the corner, expertly converted by Wright.

This seemed to spur Cowbridge on and with the pack driving up the middle from the kick off with Joe Davies and Aaron Bowman at the helm, from a scrum on the halfway the ball was spun out to Harrison who burst through the Canton defence.

He outspurred the full back on an arcing run to

touch down for a fine try – his fourth of the season, followed by another excellent conversion by Wright.

It was now Canton's turn to put the pressure but despite several scrums in the Cowbridge 22, they were unable to convert the pressure into points.

With the minutes ticking away Cowbridge were desperate for a fourth bonus point try.

Some excellent kicking by No 10 Alex Guard took Cowbridge back into the Canton half.

Cowbridge stole a lineout and hooker Craig Boxall and prop Jon Bater drove into the 22, only for the referee (who had a very good game) to award Canton a penalty.

Time was running out when Tom Harrison received the ball from a scrum and he sliced through the defence and, with 10 metres to go, passed to the supporting Richie Howsen for his second try – again converted by Wright followed by the final whistle.

**Final score: Canton 0 Cowbridge 28**

Although not firing on all cylinders at times, Cowbridge scored four lovely tries to claim the bonus point and remain top of the table with a game in hand over second and third.

The tackling was outstanding, with some powerful play from the pack to lay the foundation for the victory.

This Saturday we are due to play Treherbert but it seems they will be unable to fulfil the fixture.

The following Saturday we are away at Ferndale – probably an early kick-off as the Wales v Georgia kick-off is at 2.30pm. Then there is a break until December 9 when we are at home against Ynysowen.

A reminder that all the Autumn internationals will be on the big screen at the club

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# Indiscipline costs the Athletic Seconds dear

Bridgend Athletic Seconds 20 Newcastle Emllyn Seconds 21

**Poor game management and indiscipline cost Bridgend Athletic Second XV a Welsh Conference double over Newcastle Emllyn.**

Following a second half red card for speaking in an abusive manner, a last-minute questioning of the referee's decision saw the Athletic marched back 10 metres within kicking range of the posts. Emllyn duly kicked the penalty to emerge 21-20 victors on the day.

The Athletic started unsuccessfully trying to run first phase possession without any structure to their play. A Scott Govan penalty was cancelled out by Emllyn.

Eventually the Athletic started playing better controlled rugby. From a ruck they set up many phases leading to a try for full back Joe Symons.

The Athletic attempted to run out of their own 22 only for Emllyn to turn over possession and cross wide out to level the scores at 8-8 at half time.

The introduction of Lloyd Pemberton, Rhys Jones and Gareth Bartlett aligned to the support of Aaron Mordecai saw the Athletic playing more on the front foot, providing good possession for the backs to show their skills.

A lineout drive followed by some forward probes eventually saw hooker Lewis Down force his way over for an unconverted try.

Emllyn came back and a series of forward 'pick and goes' saw them take a 15-13 lead with a converted try.

With 10 minutes remaining the Athletic were reduced to 14 when outside half Scott Govan saw red for abusive language. Emllyn took advantage to stretch the lead to 18-13 with a penalty goal.

Three Athletic youth players showed their mettle, with good rucking from Morgan Clemett and Calum

Swinford and strong runs from Levi Hallet to give the Athletic good field position and a very kickable penalty.

Unfortunately, a change of kicker did not produce the desired result.

The impetus was now with the 14-men Athletic and they worked their way into the Emllyn 22 with good forward carries.

Gareth Bartlett showed great strength to force his way over for the third Athletic try.

Captain Scott Jones decided to take over the kicking duties and slotted the conversion to put his side 20-18 ahead with only three minutes remaining.

From the restart, the Athletic looked to retain possession and see out the game. They were penalised on half way, Emllyn took a quick penalty and the player appeared to run into his own man.

Questioning the referee saw the penalty advanced 10 metres within kicking range, and the Athletic learnt a harsh lesson as the resulting kick saw their efforts ending in a losing bonus point instead of a deserved win.

It was also a shame for lock Harry Griffiths who made his 100th senior Athletic for the Athletic during the game.

A twice Athletic 2nd XV captain and twice 2nd XV player of the year, he has scored 160 points from 32 tries playing lock, flanker or wing for 1sts & 2nds XV's.

Team manager Liam Griffiths commented in frustration: "Players need to take more control of their roles in the team and make better decisions in game management."

"They have thrown away a game they should have won and have to show greater effort, commitment and discipline to get back on track in the coming fixtures."

AB

# PORTHCAWL RUN RIOT AND REMAIN UNBEATEN

## PONTYCYMER 6 PORTHCAWL 55

**A Porthcawl side shorn of its two main playmakers in Jon Phillips and Josh White, both with long term lay-offs, anticipated a stern test at Lawrence Park, from a Pontycymer side smarting from the heavy Bowl defeat back in October.**

That's exactly as it turned out, at least initially, as the invigorated home side asked all sorts of questions of Porthcawl, with a committed forward display, forcing the Seaweeds to find strength in defence to keep Ponty at bay.

The early home pressure in the Porthcawl 22 told when at a scrum, Pontycymer kicked a penalty to take the lead at 3-nil.

Porthcawl full-back Sam Graham was the first of his team to make a mark as he turned defence into attack with a good break, his smart pass putting Jordan Fox clear only for the covering home defence to snuff out the move.

A typical mighty surge from James Burge-Davies set the platform for Gareth Rees to chase a kick ahead and cross in the corner to get Porthcawl in front at 3-5 and it was Rees's blistering pace which saw him score home two minutes later for a try converted by Ben Thomas for 3-12.

Thomas had a very good match throughout as he stepped into the outside half position as chief playmaker, his intelligent kicking and sound handling keeping Porthcawl on the move.

With the half-time whistle seemingly forgotten by a referee with an apparently absent watch, Jordan Fox shot over for another Porthcawl try, converted by Thomas, as even home supporters shouted comments about it being almost supper time, after a half lasting 64 minutes, the score at 3 points to 19!

The home side were the first to draw blood in the second half with a second penalty for 6-19; however, with the slope to their advantage Porthcawl began to take full control and ran riot with a hatful of tries.

Skipper Richard Hnyda crossed from a quick tap penalty for 6-24 before Rees put Tom Matthews through a gap to cross at the posts, with Thomas converting at 6-31.

Mattie Davies, always a force upfront for Porthcawl, started with an almighty charge, the move continuing 70 metres as substitute flanker Tom Lodwig ended with the try, Thomas adding the extras at 6-36.

With the Seaweeds now running the ball from everywhere, Thomas found Jake Furness in support and his pass to Nick Nutman saw the second-row storm in at the corner for a great try from fully halfway, to make it 6-41.

With Pontycymer now well beaten, two further tries, the first from Jordan Fox from 65 metres out and converted by Thomas, the second again falling

to Matthews, again from halfway and Thomas' conversion racking the total up to 6-55 at the close of play.

So, Porthcawl's unbeaten season continues with a running style of play but well-placed Bryncoch could provide tough opposition as they visit South Road on Saturday. Skipper Richard Hnyda and coach Rhys James will be under no illusions about the size of the task to maintain that record – it could be a cracker.

Report by Paul Fielding

# Bridgend Bridge Club – latest results

**THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

**Wednesday, November 1** round one of Club Pairs: first, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second, Dave Lea and Graham Norris; third, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler.

The winners on handicap were Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

**Thursday, November 2:** first, Maggie and Richard Ashpole; second, John Henson and Stuart Davies; third, Rosalie Close and Steve Burgoyne.

The winners on handicap were Frances Robertson and Lyn Froud.

**Friday, November 3:** first, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Norma and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday

and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall.

Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There are lessons for beginners of Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm again in Noltan Church Hall.

New on Thursdays: at 1pm there is a lesson about a bridge topic: this week it is on the Bath Coup, and these are free.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.



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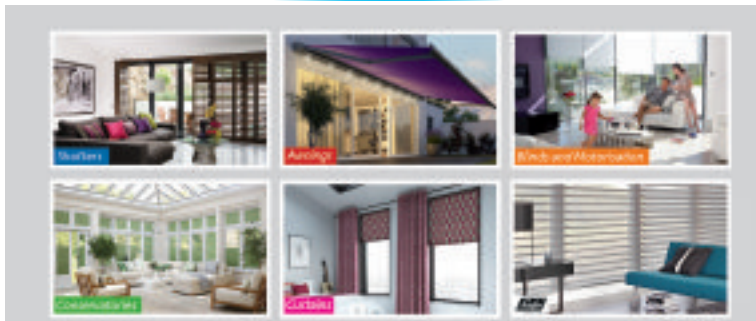
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## Family Notices

### PILCHER

#### Tony

Peacefully at home with his family, after a courageous battle with Leukemia, Tony, much loved husband of Jane, much loved and loving father of his eight children and adored grandfather.

*He will be sadly missed by all family and friends.*

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, November 17th at 2.45pm.

No flowers by request. Donations to be announced at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.

### ROBERTS

#### Pamela June (Née Rees)

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Holme Towers, Penarth on October 27th, aged 80. Pamela of Aberthyn, previously Port Talbot. Devoted wife of the late John Gwilym and retired headteacher at Bryn Hafren, Barry.

Resting at Thomas Brothers until the funeral on Tuesday, November 14th, service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon.

Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Marie Curie, Holme Towers.

### GOULD

#### Rhys Cory

Peacefully passed away on Friday, 27th October at Charing Cross Hospital, London aged 31. Rhys, much loved son of Amanda and John, loving brother to Rhiannon and Tom, dearly loved grandson of Margaret (Greenwood).

*Rhys will be greatly missed by his family and friends.*

The funeral will be held on Friday, 17th November 12 Noon at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to be made in Rhys's name c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545, which will be passed on to the appropriate research charities or through the Just Giving page set up in Rhys's memory [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rhyscorygould](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rhyscorygould)

### DAVIES

#### Charmaine

Peacefully passed away on the 5th November, 2017. Much loved and missed by mother Julia, husband Geraint and children Ryan and Amy.

Funeral to take place at St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 20th November at 1pm, followed by private family interment.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu would be appreciated to Charmaine's chosen charity TY Hafan c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel 01656 860545.

### PRATT

#### Betty Mabel

Peacefully on the 30th October 2017 at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, aged 96. Beloved wife of the late Norman, a much loved mum of Timothy, David and Andrew. A loving mother-in-law of Shirley and Janet. A cherished grandmother of Sean, Samantha, Charlotte and Jessica and great grandmother of Mia Flora and Morgan.

*Betty will be missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Resting at A J Stone & William Ham Funeral Home, 1a Neville Street, Canton, Cardiff, CF11 6LP, until her funeral service on Tuesday, 14th November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 4pm.

Family Flowers only, donations, if so desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society, care of the funeral home.

### BUMFORD

#### Gloria 'Nancy'

Peacefully on 24 October at Llandough Hospital. Nancy was much loved wife of the late Ken, cherished mother of Lynne, Alan and Jacky. Respected mother-in-law of Roger, Kathy and Stephen. Loving grandmother of Ruth, Anne, Emma, Julie, Jamie and Bridie. Great-grandmother of Neve, Elle, Nancy, Oscar, Lola and Bledwyn.

*Nancy will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Barry on Tuesday, 14 November at 11am, where family and friends may meet. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for The British Heart Foundation.

### PAGE

#### Nancy Elizabeth (Née Thurston)

Sadly on Saturday, 28th October at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Nancy, beloved wife of the late Andrew, mam to Russell, Denise, Leighton, Andrea and Annetta, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday, 16th November, service 10.30am at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers Society.

### HEMLOCK

#### Richard 'Richie'

Peacefully after a short illness on October 31st at UHW Heath Cardiff, surrounded by his loving family. Richie, aged 81yrs, devoted husband to Mary. Cherished father to Alison and Susie and son-in-law Paul. Adored grandfather and great grandfather to Aaron, Sophie, Caitlin, Paige, Christopher and Chloe.

*Richie will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service at St Helen's Church, Wyndham Street on Friday, 17th November at 10.30am, followed by a short ceremony at Barry Crematorium, Port Road at 12 noon. Friends are invited to join the family at the Sea View Labour Club for refreshments and to share memories of Richie. Flowers welcome to A.G. Adams or donations in lieu to UHW Renal Unit, Ward B5 North.

### DIDCOTE

#### Patricia Dorothy (Trish)

Peacefully at Holme Tower, Penarth on November 4th, Trish of Woodlands Road, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of Stanley (Frank), much loved mum of Martin and Neil, mother-in-law of Petra and Jayne, adored grandmother of Kevin, Caitlin, Carey, Matthew and Lucas and great-grandmother of George.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, November 15th at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care (Holme Tower), Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

### RICHARDS

#### Thelma May (Née Collier)

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In the month before her 90th birthday, with Diane and Ken at her side, Thelma passed away at Llandough Hospital. Adoring wife to the late Trevor, loving mother to Diane, sister to Ken, aunt and great aunt to many.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the chapel on Friday, 17th November at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

At her request, no flowers, but donations can be made after the service for S.A.N.D.S (Stillbirth and Neonatal) and The Dogs Trust.

#### MUM

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*I held your hand so warm in mine,*

*I knew that soon we'd be out of time,*

*So I told you I loved you and it was ok to go,*

*Back to Dad's arms who you'd missed so.*

*Rest in peace*

*Love Diane*

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# Best Bib, and tucker, at the Hare and Hounds, Aberthin



ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns with Sara and Tom Watts-Jones and general manager, Alex Howells.

**ABERTHIN** public house, **The Hare & Hounds**, has been awarded a **Bib Gourmand** by **The Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland 2018**.

The award recognises the Michelin Guide critics' personal favourite 'good, small, affordably priced establishments'.

The pub's head chef, Tom Watts-Jones, explained: "We were informed after the Bib was announced that the critics attended the restaurant on multiple occasions, but we were not aware when they were visiting."

"We are not a pretentious fine dining establishment – we strive to serve good food sourced from the region and prepared from scratch in our kitchen."

This award came in the same week that Hare & Hounds was crowned the Welsh winner of the 2017 'Best Roast Dinner' competition.

Continuing this very successful month for the pub, it has been announced that Mr Watts-Jones has been nominated for 'Pub Chef of the Year Award' by Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The Member of Parliament this week visited the

## CMDC comes to Penarth

**A MUCH-travelled choir makes one of its rare appearances in this part of south Wales later this month.**

Côr Meibion De Cymru (CMDC), also known as the South Wales Male Choir, returns to All Saints' Church in Penarth on Saturday, November 18 (7.30pm) for a concert in its own inimitable style.

With a strength of over 70 voices, the choir has toured extensively on the continent of Europe as far east as Estonia and Russia and throughout America, Canada and Australia.

One of the choir's four rehearsal groups is based in Fairwater, Cardiff, with members drawn from nearby cities and towns and from over the Severn Bridge into Bristol.

Conductor Elaine Robins hails from Cefneithin and accompanist Sïân Gwawr Davies is the daughter of the late Rhondda Valley

pianist, Bryan Davies.

The programme contains favourites old and new in English and in Welsh, songs from the shows and special arrangements written for the forthcoming Festival of Male Chorus to take place in London's Royal Albert Hall next May, when the choir will be playing a leading rôle.

Also taking part in the Penarth concert will be a local children's choir and ladies' singing group Vocelle.

Tickets at £10 are available from secretary John Rees Davies 01446 7 4 6 3 8 7, john.davies47@ntlworld.com, or group chairman Don Surridge 01446 7 3 5 4 3 7, don.surridge@ntlworld.com.

CMDC is always on the lookout for new members. Come to the concert, stay on afterwards and have a word with one of our friendly choristers. There is no audition involved. We just love to sing.

**Barri Hurford**

pub to congratulate the staff on receiving the award and to discuss the chef's nomination.

He said: "With so many stories in the national press regarding the regretful decline of the pub industry, it is fantastic to hear of this local pub thriving and building on its already considerable success."

"Speaking to Tom, Sarah and Alex it was clear how passionate they are about offering the very best service to their customers."

"I am delighted that they have received this much deserved recognition by Michelin and wish them the very best for the pub's future."

## Coastal talk enthralls Barry Men's Forum

**THE Barry Men's Forum welcomed a return visit recently from Rosemary Scadden giving a talk (and aided by superb graphics) about the Welsh coastline from Chepstow to Nash Point, a distance of some 50 miles.**

The talk commenced at Plynlimon in central Wales, following the route of the River Severn to Beachley. The river is regarded as the longest river in Great Britain, passing through numerous counties including Powys, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, before entering the Severn Estuary at Beachley.

The estuary has many notable features such as the old railway bridge which crossed from Lydney to Sharpness, but it was destroyed by two barges in the 1960s colliding on the river, the two Severn bridges and the Severn railway tunnel which opened in 1886.

At Sudbrook, there is a pumping station which extracts 10 million gallons of water a day from the tunnel supplying pure water for

Britain's largest brewery at Magor.

At Newport, there is the Transporter Bridge, coupled with the excavation of a medieval boat found on the mudflats of the River Usk which is at present under restoration, but is awaiting further funding for work to progress. The development of the Cardiff Bay Barrage was completed in 1999, as was the medieval settlement at Cosmeston in 1987.

Highlighted was the site of the first radio transmission over water at Lavernock by Guglielmo Marconi in 1897.

The talk ended with a short history of the hospital at Sully, famous for its pioneering work on the eradication of TB and on open-heart surgery during the late 1960s.

At the meeting, two new members were welcomed, Tony Jones and Roger Griffith Jones – no relation.

New members are always welcomed, point of contact being Mac Tanner on 01446 743455, and the next speaker will be Don Curtis on the Air Ambulance Service.

**Paul Gilbertson**

# THE POTTED GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

Winter herbs

**WINTER** stews and soups taste so much better with fresh herbs, so having them to hand in the garden or on the patio throughout the winter is a delight.

You can easily grow a selection of evergreen perennial herbs outside in containers during the winter months, so long as they get a bit of sun.

Some herbs such as tarragon and mint die back in winter, but the more hardy ones such as rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender will look after themselves if placed where they cannot be frozen, saturated by rain or allowed to become too dry.

You can grow herbs in pots together but don't put herbs that like plenty of water such as chives, mint and coriander with those that like well-drained soil such as rosemary, sage, thyme and bay.

It's also a good idea to choose herbs of a similar size for the same pot. A large rosemary will overshadow a small thyme plant. Both rosemary and bay can grow to a good height and become a feature planting in the garden.

Here are some tips from the Royal Horticultural Society on growing winter herbs:

**Remember** that plants grow very little in winter, so make sure you start with good-sized plants and use sufficient numbers of plants for the size of container to make an impact from the start

**Position** your container where it will get as much light as possible during the winter months to ensure plant foliage remains green and healthy

**Water** containers carefully in winter, making sure you check the compost regularly as it can soon dry out in mild spells. Smaller plants are more



Rosemary – Photo by Manuela Böhm on Unsplash.

susceptible to over- or under-watering

It is not necessary to feed container plants during the winter.

**Raise** containers off the ground on pot feet or bricks to aid drainage and help prevent the freezing conditions that cause pots to crack.

Choose frost-proof terracotta or containers made of plastic, fibreglass or wood. Bubble wrap containers in severe weather to reduce damage to plant roots.

When it comes to picking your herbs, just remember that the plants won't be doing much in the way of new growth over the winter months, so you should be careful how much you use.

However tasty or aromatic, don't take so much that the plant can't keep itself alive.

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# A CAST OF THOUSANDS... The love life of lugworms



This photo shows lugworm casts.  
Image by Nick Veitch.

## Welsh Butcher of the Year competition closes November 9

A HUNT has been launched to find the butcher who is top of the chops and a cut above the rest in Wales.

The Welsh Butcher of the Year contest will take centre stage at this year's Royal Welsh Winter Fair in Builth Wells on November 27. Entries close at 5pm on November 9.

Sponsored by Cambrian Training Company, Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales and the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, the contest is held in the Carcass Hall at the Royal Welsh Showground.

The finalists, who must work or live in Wales, will be chosen from their applications and they will face a true test of their butchery skills over three tasks, using Welsh beef, lamb, pork and British chicken.

A panel of judges will be looking for new, creative ideas and the finalists will be scored for their cutting technique, added value, display techniques and maximum carcass yield.

The competition is a

stepping stone to UK-wide competitions, with the winner having the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of talented butchers like Peter Rushforth and Matthew Edwards, who have both represented the UK and won the Butchery WorldSkills UK National Competition.

Apart from having the kudos of being named Wales' best butcher, the winner will receive a cheque for £130, while the runner-up will receive £70 and all four finalists will receive a trophy.

If you know of a butcher in Bridgend or the Vale that you think deserves recognition, then download the application form at [www.cambriantraining.co.uk/competitions](http://www.cambriantraining.co.uk/competitions).

The completed form must be sent to Katie George, Welsh Butchers Competition, Cambrian Training Company, Tŷ Cambrian, Unit 10 Offas Dyke Business Park, Fisher Road, Buttington, Welshpool, SY21 8JF by 5pm on November 9.

## AM's Hebron Hall visit

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies yesterday visited Hebron Hall in Dinas Powys – to discuss care needs in the Vale.**

Mr Davies was given a tour of the centre by general manager Jeff Lacey, assistant general manager Peter Robertson and trustee Brian West.

The hall has a number of community facilities – including a recently refurbished swimming pool – as well as residential care.

The residents' ages range from 78-100.

Mr Davies said: "It was a real pleasure to visit Hebron Hall – and learn more about the care facilities they have on offer.

"Meeting our care needs is a huge political topic – and it was great to have the chance to learn more about the pressures they are under – as well as the support available.

"I'd like to thank Jeff, Peter and Brian for taking the time out of their busy schedules to meet – and host me for what was an informative visit."

LOVE is in the air again this year along our coastlines and the Marine Conservation Society needs GEM readers to help keep an eye out for signs of passion in the lugworm population.

The lugworm, *Arenicola marina*, is a vital source of food for wader birds and fish as well as playing a key role in fisheries as a source of bait.

Volunteers are being asked to keep an eye out for any signs of love within the lugworm population on sandy shores around the UK.

This species spends its life in a burrow in the sediment so opportunities to meet a mate are limited. Instead, the males release sperm which collects in 'puddles' on the surface of the beach. When the tide comes in, the sperm is washed down into the burrows of the females and fertilises their eggs.

Not a lot is known about the process – all that we do know is that specific environmental conditions are needed to trigger the release of the sperm and the egg at the same time. So scientists are calling on members of the public to join them as 'citizen scientists' to help fill in the knowledge gaps.

The Spermwatch project, led by the University of Portsmouth, is part of a wider conservation project called Capturing Our Coast (CoCoast) funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is a partnership led by Newcastle University including Portsmouth, Bangor and Hull Universities, Marine Conservation Society, Marine Biological Association, Scottish Association of Marine Sciences and Earthwatch Europe.

Zoe Morrall, CoCoast Project Officer at the University of Portsmouth's, Institute of Marine

Sciences, said: "Not a lot is known about lugworm reproduction and it is fascinating how the entire population of a species spawn, just for a few days every year, only when the environmental conditions are perfect.

"By continuing last year's study, and adding temperature data loggers to some sites it means we can better understand which conditions are important for a spawning event. We will also be able to understand how climate change may affect these events. By going out for a walk on any sandy beach across the UK, members of the public can get involved and help us answer these questions."

The Marine Conservation Society CoCoast Hub will be holding a free, open to all event, in collaboration with Beach Academy Wales, at Omore-by-Sea on Sunday, October 22. Meet them at the Pen-y-Bont SLSC at 1.30pm, before heading onto the shore to complete a Spermwatch survey.

Leonie Richardson, CoCoast Project Officer for the Marine Conservation Society, said: "If you want to be involved in a simple beach-walk survey that contributes to some intriguing scientific research, Spermwatch is for you. Even if you can only survey once or twice, each record provides valuable information to help piece together the puzzle of when these elusive marine worms breed and what environmental factors might trigger them to spawn."

The study started on October 22 and runs until December 1, and people are asked to collect data every three days from one of 12 different sites around the UK. It should take around 45 minutes and it is an ideal way to take part in 'hands-on' science while just walking along a beach – all you have to do is download an instruction book from [www.capturingourcoast.co.uk/specific-information/spermwatch](http://www.capturingourcoast.co.uk/specific-information/spermwatch) and get recording.

## Travelodge eyeing hotel deals with Vale and Bridgend county councils

TRAVELODGE, a budget hotel chain, has written to 12 local authorities across Wales in search of new partners for what a spokesperson called its "pioneering local regeneration scheme".

The authorities receiving the letter include Bridgend County Borough Council and the Vale Council. Travelodge currently operates 14 hotels across Wales.

"The letter outlines," continued the spokesperson, "the role that Travelodge plays in supporting local authorities to help support local regeneration, create jobs and boost the local economy and how it can do the same for many other local communities across Wales."

During the last three years, Travelodge has completed seven local authority development partnership deals. This includes the opening of a new Travelodge hotel in the following locations: Aylesbury, Bicester, Dudley, Eastleigh, Redhill (scheduled to open end

of 2017), Telford (opening 2018) and Thetford.

These bespoke agreements have had unique funding structures, all of which have enabled local authorities to utilise their existing assets, create jobs, generate income, and help to regenerate land in strategically important locations.

Hotels in the programme are built on surplus local authority land, with the funding provided either through the local authority's internal resource or via low-cost funding from the Public Works Loan Board or third party resources.

Upon completion of the hotel development, local authorities have the choice of either retaining ownership of the hotel and receiving an annual rent into the council's revenue budget or selling the hotel with Travelodge as its operator.

Peter Gowers, Travelodge chief executive said: "More and more local authorities are under pressure to find ways to help regenerate their historic town centres and local communities. Adding a low-cost hotel like Travelodge is an

increasingly attractive choice, as it draws visitors, creates jobs and helps boost the local economy."

"Our customers are travelling more frequently and we are opening new hotels to ensure we are in locations where they want to be. We are delighted to be working together with forward-thinking local authorities to help support their regeneration programme with the opening of a new Travelodge.

"We are looking for more sites to drive our expansion programme and today we are writing to more than 200 other local authorities, to invite them to consider how Travelodge can act as a catalyst to drive their local development agenda."

Should the region's local authorities dip their corporate toes in the hospitality pool? Is it a good use of 'surplus local authority land' and will it lead to job creation and more visitors?

The GEM would like to have your thoughts. Please write to [editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk](mailto:editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk) with your name and contact details.

# FUW warns: 'Diesel is still important to rural communities'

GOVERNMENT moves aimed at tackling problems caused by diesel pollution should be targeted at improving technology and areas where problems exist, rather than a broad brush approach that penalises rural communities, the Farmers' Union of Wales has said.

The FUW Land Use, Livestock and Hill Farming committees agreed in separate meetings that problems identified by health experts in areas of high diesel engine use should be recognised and addressed.

"However, it's important that communities in rural areas, where individuals and businesses have no alternatives to diesel-powered vehicles, due to difficult terrain, harsh weather and similar problems, are not caught in the crossfire of moves aimed at tackling localised problems," said FUW deputy president Brian Thomas.

Ministers have identified 81 major roads in 17 towns and cities where urgent action is required to tackle air pollution in order to address human

health problems.

Despite the problem areas being concentrated in urban and city areas, many have speculated that the UK Government plans to change the tax status of all diesel cars, and could announce tax increases in the Budget this autumn.

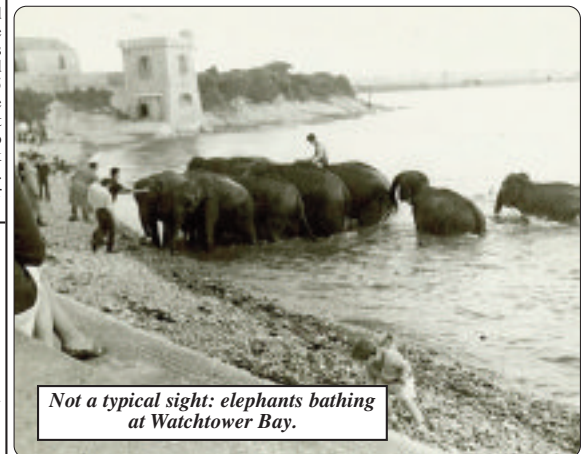
"Any blanket moves which include those taxes in areas reliant on diesel where there are no alternatives, would not only be unfair, but would fail to properly target problem areas.

"It could also effectively mean a back-door tax on rural communities where there is often no choice but to use diesel-powered vehicles and no problems exist," said Mr Thomas.

Mr Thomas said that moves which targeted problem areas and improved technology to make diesel cleaner had to be the way forward.

"Given the potential for diesel production from renewable sources to be increased alongside the development of other greener technologies, blanket moves which target diesel vehicles would be extremely short-sighted and a backwards step," he added.

## 'Picture the Vale' at Art Central



Not a typical sight: elephants bathing at Watchtower Bay.

AN array of 3,000 digitalised images is on display at Barry's Art Central as part of the 'Peoples Collection Wales'.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Barry Library and Art Central Gallery in Kings Square, 'Picture the Vale – Past Times' is made up of

images from library archives and from people living in the Vale.

A team of volunteers helped catalogue the images, which will be part of a collection held at the National Library in Aberystwyth. The aim is to increase Wales' 'digital footprint' by converting the images online.

The exhibition is open from 9.30am – 4.30pm and will run until Saturday, January 6.

## Airport wins award

THE national airport for Wales was named Best Airport (under three million passengers) at an industry awards ceremony in London last month.

The event was hosted by The Airport Operators' Association (AOA), a trade organisation founded to represent the voice of UK airports and to influence governments, regulators and opinion formers at national and international level in order to drive the industry forward.

Cardiff Airport beat off stiff competition from other UK regional airports to be named Best Airport (under three million passengers).

Roger Lewis, chairman of Cardiff Airport, said: "This is a great tribute from our airline colleagues which recognises the hard work of the team

at Cardiff Airport over this past year.

Most importantly we thank our passengers for their fantastic support. On behalf of the Board, I send our congratulations to everyone who has helped deliver this outstanding accolade."

Deb Barber, CEO of Cardiff Airport, added: "To be recognised in this way by a leading industry body really is testament to how far we have come."

Cardiff Airport also reported that direct flights between the airport and Venice start next Spring.

The announcement was made on November 2 by Flybe.

The twice-weekly service will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays from March 27 and is available for travel through to September 9.



## VALE POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP LATEST

### THE Castle Dark Lords still lead the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League.

In a much closer rerun of the previous week, the Dark Lords squeaked a 7-5 win at home. Their visitors, The Good, The Bad and The Ship travelled with a strong ensemble that included Mike Dunn, Sion Old, Matthew Nicholas and captain Graham Aviaent.

The night would belong to the Dark Lords' man of the match, Wayne Hobson, who again won all four of his matches, including a superb eight-ball clearance in his first doubles.

It was a great team performance with support from Matthew Tobin, Gareth Foxall and young Ralph Miners.

If the League handed out trophies for the best kept pub or club, then this year's winners would probably be Millwood Bowls Club. Captain Gary Williams would lead his team to a 7-5 victory against the King William IV pub of Cadostown.

All 12 frames were hotly contested and could have gone either way, as all games played were close. Millwood found themselves 3-1 down, then 6-3 up to finally win 7-5 with Nick Parry, Steve Sewell and Alan Evans, all playing superbly for the Millwood Pot Jacks.

Finnegans got back to winning ways, in the third win in the last four games for the Islanders. Finnegans started strongly against the away side, The Borough Arms, and won the first four singles. The first doubles was a close frame and the first loss of the night for the home side.

The second half of the game was a rapid comeback for the Borough, who fought hard to bring the game to a 6-6 draw and a black ball sudden death play off, with Joel Ball and Lewis Crole saving the home side with a narrow but glorious victory.

The Glenbrook Wanderers travelled to take on Billy United. First up was Rhodri Thomas, taking on Gary Roberts, who proved a bit too strong for Rhod.

Next saw Karl Marsh level with a rare win. Nick Taylor would breeze up next, he seemed too confident

and played some strange shots, gifting the game to Billy United.

Next up was Jeff Bartle taking on John Farrugia in a quick game which saw Jeff finishing well to level the match at 2-2.

In the first doubles, Marsh and Taylor would snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, with Karl somehow throwing away two shots on the black ball that was over the pocket.

The next doubles saw Rhod and Jeff take on Farrugia and Gary Roberts in a close encounter that again saw top players Bartle and Roberts both miss blacks in shots they would normally get in an error-strewn game.

The second set of singles was a bit one-sided in favour of The Billy, with Wanderers' only win coming from Bartle. The Billy now led 7-3.

The second set of doubles saw The Billy really tighten the screw and play the better match pool to take the final two frames and a deserved final score of 9-3 to the Billy United. A good result for them in their chase to another title.

The Wittich Wildcats had a great 10-2 win over O'Briens, with Steve Watkins giving them a winning start, followed by Ian Hill and Paul Everest.

The Wildcats would open up a 3-1 lead and then dominate the doubles. The score was 5-1 and they stretched their lead even further in the second set of singles to 8-2 with John Wolfenden and captain Martyn Croke winning O'Briens' only points.

For the Wildcats, Watkins, Ian Hill, Ceri Morris and Everest would all go unbeaten on the night.

The league would like to wish James Hill and Barry's number one pool player Chris Bardsley all the best next week in Porthcawl at the WPA closed singles tournament – an opportunity for our League players to shine against one of the best players in Welsh Pool.

The League would also like to say thanks to sponsors Asprou Barbers, Eze Drive Driving School and R&M Mobile Valeting.

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## Local equestriennes in dressage area finals

### DRESSAGE riders were out in force at Bridgend College on October 28 – 30 for the Petplan Equine Area Festival final, where classes ranged from Preliminary through to Inter 1.

The Petplan Equine Area Festival finals take place at eight top competition venues across the UK and allow riders the chance to compete under true championship-style conditions with the back-up of a supportive and friendly environment.

Competitors qualified for the Area Festival final by competing at one of the 27 Petplan Equine Area Festivals around the country, which in turn they had to qualify to compete at by achieving a minimum of two affiliated scores of 60 per cent or above at a British Dressage (BD) affiliated competition.

Class winners at the Area Festival finals will go forward for selection for the Petplan Equine Area Festival Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire in April 2018.

The horse and rider combinations posted scores high enough to win their respective classes and are now in a very strong position to reach a Petplan Equine Area Festival Championships.

Preliminary – Bronze, with 72.22 per cent: Hannah Towler on Rocky, from Bridgend. Preliminary – Silver, with 75.63 per cent was Amy Daye on Prince William mbs, also from Bridgend.

Kate Hopkins, senior marketing executive commented: "This is Petplan Equine's 19th year of sponsoring the Area Festivals giving true amateur riders a taste of the big time! We congratulate all riders who qualified for the Area Festival final at Bridgend College and hope they enjoyed their day."

To find out more about the Petplan Equine Area Festival series visit: [www.petplanequine.co.uk/area-festivals](http://www.petplanequine.co.uk/area-festivals).



Amy Daye and her mount Prince William mbs, winners of the Preliminary Silver class. Photo by Jasmine Punter.

## YMCA Barry's young gymnasts in top form at championships

### YMCA Barry's gymnasts have again demonstrated their gymnastic prowess in recent weeks.

In the annual South Central Wales Level 6 and 5 Championships held recently, YMCA Barry demonstrated its competitive squad depth.

In the Level 6 eight-year-old competition section, Emmy Saddler won third place on bars and fourth overall and Rosie Bishop became the Vault Champion and third overall.

The eight-year-old team of Ruby Clark, Melissa Cookson, Casey Moores, Emmy Saddler and Rosie Bishop became the 2017 team champions.

In one of their first competitions, Seren Doel, Stacie White, Roxy Forst and Yazmin Michael showed great maturity in the nine years and 10-11 years competition.

In the Level 5, nine-year-old category, Hana Davies was in great form, claiming second on floor and becoming the vault, bars, beam and overall champion, beating the opposition by over four clear marks. In an ever increasing standard of gymnastics in Wales, this is a huge achievement.

In the 12 years and over category, Bria Karim became the vault champion and claimed fifth overall. The team of Bria Karim, Ruby Karim and Chloe Gabb performed beautifully and won the bronze team medal.

Emmy Saddler, Rosie Bishop, Hana Davies and Bria Karim all gained places in the Welsh Finals representing South Central Wales.

Bria won second on vault and sixth on vault and helped the team gain second place. Emmy Saddler showed great courage by competing with an ankle injury to help her team and even managed to come fourth on bars. Rosie Bishop claimed joint fourth with Emmy on bars as well as fourth on bault.

As a very busy gymnastics club competing at all levels, the club also had six girls trialling for the Welsh Development Squad, for girls aged seven to nine years; Millie Williams, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Saddler, Nia Beasley, Azaria Karim and Lottie Cummins.

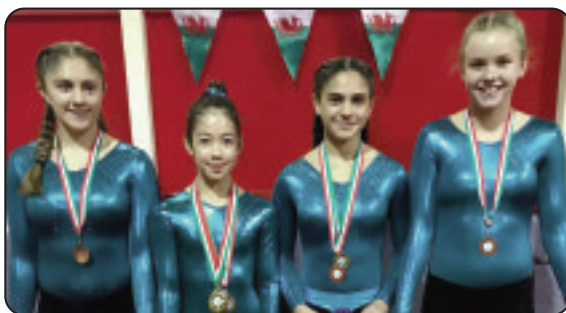
Having six gymnasts at this high level is a fantastic achievement, as only 64 gymnasts in the whole of Wales were at the level required for the squad. After many activities designed to tests the girls' gymnastics skills, strength, power, flexibility and speed, YMCA Barry are delighted to announce that Millie Williams and Azaria Karim retained their places on the prestigious squad.

The YMCA Barry gymnasts will now be working towards their last competitions of the year over the next few weeks.

Have you got a son or daughter that would like to try gymnastics? YMCA Barry caters for all abilities from toddlers to elite international gymnasts in female and male artistic gymnastics, as well as



At the Welsh Squad trial, Nia Beasley, Rosie Bishop, Emmy Saddler, Millie Williams, Azaria Karim and Lottie Cummins.



Nine years and 12 plus girls Level 5 competitors, (left to right): Ruby Karim, Hana Davies, Bria Karim and Chloe Gabb.

Eight and nine-year-old Level 6 girls, (back row, left to right): Seren Doel, Melissa Cookson, Ruby Clark, Stacie White. Front row (left to right): Casey Moores, Rosie Bishop and Emmy Saddler.



## Adams holds nerve and kicks Barry Seconds to victory

### Barry Seconds 22-20 Cardiff Quins Seconds

Barry Second XV returned to action hoping to revive their league fortunes after a series of difficult fixtures.

They welcomed a Cardiff Quins side who have also suffered from a difficult start to their season on a brisk and windy Saturday afternoon at Reservoir Field.

Coach Rhidian Scott was able to recall Luke Bounds, Harry Moyle, Rob Williams and Owain Poole for their first starts of the campaign, and expectations were high from a sizeable crowd.

However, things did not go the hosts' way in the opening quarter as Barry struggled to maintain possession. Indeed, it was the Quins who deservedly opened the scoring following a set move from behind the scrum.

The conversion was missed but minutes later they increased their lead when their kicker landed a successful penalty.

At 8-0 down things appeared ominous but Barry rallied and soon got back into the game.

Despite playing up the slope and against the wind, and with the sun in their eyes, the home side got to grips with the elements, opting to keep ball in hand.

A fine break by Bounds from midfield saw him with plenty of support, and after Moyle had carried on the good work, his offload found Rob Williams who crashed over for the try. Ashley Adams judged the conditions perfectly to land the conversion and reduced the deficit to one.

The momentum was now with the green-and-whites as the visiting side found it difficult to live with Barry's offloading game.

It was Moyle once again who broke the defensive line, and after a neat exchange of passes it was Adams who sprinted across the line to score near the posts. The conversion was missed but Barry were now in the lead.

More was to come and it was Moyle's back-row partner Poole who profited next, supporting the strong runners in midfield to score under the posts. The conversion was a formality and Barry were now 19-8 in front.

Poor decision making in their own half, however, let the hosts down in the final minutes of the first half, as they turned possession over to allow the visitors a converted try to narrow the deficit to four.

Still, things appeared optimistic as now Barry had the elements in their favour in the second half, but somehow the home side failed to capitalise.

Indeed, it was a scrappy affair in the second half, not helped by the constant interruption by the official's whistle, as both sides tried to gather sufficient momentum to make the decisive score.

Barry were not helped by a serious injury to captain Joel Williams, who had to be helped off the field. We wish him a speedy recovery.

His replacement at fly-half Richie O'Sullivan contributed to Barry's strong defence in this half, but ultimately it was more disorganisation and poor decision making which saw the Quins with the next score.

Spurning numerous chances to clear their lines, the visitors finally accepted their invitation to score when good handling saw them dive over for a deserved try. The conversion was missed but they were now ahead 20-19.

Barry finally awoke from their slumber and kept possession fervently. The continuous recycling of the ball and more aggressive approach at the contact area finally paid off against a tiring Quins' defence, as the official awarded the hosts a penalty.

It was an opportunity not missed by Adams who stroked the kick over in the dying embers of the game to give Barry their first win since the second weekend of the season.

Barry Seconds will return to action following the Autumn internationals on December 16, with Rhiwbina their visitors.

Team: Forrester; Montague, M Williams, Bounds, Grant; J Williams (c), Adams; Lee, Corson, Deyes; Jones, R Williams; Moyle, Poole, Warry. Replacements: R O'Sullivan, M O'Sullivan, Reid, Evans. Man of the match: Moyle. KC



## VALE OF GLAMORGAN SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND UP

**Rob Kemp fired Llantwit Major to a Barry Cup upset as the Division Two side dumped Division One leaders Sully Sports out 1-0 to reach the semi-finals.**

They are the second Welsh league club to make the last four of the Barry Cup in their first season back in the Vale League.

Llantwit are joined by Premier Division leaders Barry Athletic who dispatched Island Marine 4-1 as Dan Morgan bagged a hat-trick.

St Athan made the semi-finals as they edged Cowbridge Town 3-2 in a west Vale derby, veteran forward Craig Howells scoring what turned out to be the decisive goal.

Finally, in the Cup, FC Barry Belgrade advanced as they were victorious 4-2 over Division One Cogan Coronation to complete the semi-final line up.

In league action, AFC Rhose moved to second in the Premier Division after a

2-2 draw with Penarth Town. Rhose are recovering well from their indifferent start to the season; the point also moves Penarth Town to fourth in a very tight and competitive Premier Division.

In Division One, SP Billy closed the gap on Sully Sports at the top to seven points as Steven Coxan inspired them to a 4-1 win over Cadoxton Athletic with a brace and man of the match performance in this derby. SP secured the win after coming from a goal down.

Tyneuidd edged out Cwm Talwg 1-0 to move fourth as Barry Saints went third with a 3-2 win over bottom side Cadoxton Imps.

In Division Two, Barry Albion thumped BRT Dynamos 3-0 with Nathan Harris, Kyle Day and Shane Taylor getting the Albion goals and finally, Island Marine B thrashed bottom of the league Glenbrook 5-0.

Next week a full league program, check back here for the round up. **HD**

## MID-SEASON BREAK ON WAY FOR CHESS TEAMS

**It seems odd to me that with only five rounds in this seasons Welsh Premier League tournament, the first two rounds have played so close together.**

In round two, The Vales were paired with Abergavenny. Until last season, Abergavenny had been Welsh Champions for two years running. In their team was Matthew Parry who, until this season, has been a member of the Barry Chess Club.

There were wins by Tim Kett on top board and Robert Taylor on bottom board. In addition, they were ably supported by Pete Heaven, Lee Davis and Ben Thomas who all earned draws. This

gave us our second win of the season.

Both of our matches have finished with scores of 3.5 - 2.5 in our favour. This narrow victory maintained our status at second place in the table.

So with two matches involving 12 games we have won 3, drawn 8 and only recorded a solitary loss so far.

It was an unusual situation in that, with the results of all three matches in round two, the league table remains unaltered. The only change was that White Knights moved further away from Abergavenny as the top three teams all won with the identical score (3.5 - 2.5).

There is a gap until January when the next round is played on Sunday 21.

**Phil Jones, Barry Chess Club**

## A BUSY MONTH FOR RISING DRAGONS TAE KWON DO

**RISING DRAGONS Tae Kwon Do based at Victoria Park Community Centre have had a busy October!**

On October 7, the club held their first Black Belt Grading since opening 18 months ago.

The examiners for the day were Master Jaap Teeuwissen 7th Dan Black Belt who came over from Amsterdam to assist chief instructor Jamie Halford, 4th Dan Black Belt.

Hoping to obtain their 1st Dan qualification were Demi Baker, Jessica Blackley, Mason Blackley, Cameron Evans and Lucia Cunningham. Helping her older sister Demi for the set sparring was nine-year-old Brooke Baker.

Next to grade were Cian Allen and Cody Jacobsen for their 2nd Dan and Matthew Bennett and Keita Enfield going for their 3rd Dan. All four showed the examiners their skill with a number of patterns, strength and power displays, weapon patterns and board breaking.

After a long day, the grading came to an end and the students had a few hours to wait before heading to the presentation evening,

where they received their new black belts and certificates.

On October 25, the club held a coloured belt grading. The students stood in front of a board made up of chief instructor Jamie Halford and instructor Matthew Bennett, with support from the club black belts.

The results of the grading were as follows:

Promoted to 8th Kup, Sonny Baker, Cleo Davies; 7th Kup Oakley Allen, Harley Jacobsen; 6th Kup Lacey Blackley; 3rd Kup Ella Bedford, Riley Reese, Bailey Reese; 2nd Kup Charlie Rogers; 1st Kup Thea Cunningham and Maddison Allen.

Riley Reese also took the Rising Dragons Grading Shield for an exceptional performance during his grading.

On October 29, the club took a small contingent of students to the Welsh Rumble at Western Leisure Centre, Cardiff, organised by the Welsh Kickboxing Union. The students have been off the fight circuit for a while preparing for their respective gradings, but still put on a great performance, coming away with awards for Oakley Allen, who fought for the title of WKU Welsh Champion and won.



**Club members at the Welsh Rumble.**

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16 16 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic, BMW warranty March 2019, 19" alloys, sat nav, 13k, blue, full leather .....£23995

16 66 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE Estate automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2016, 19" alloys, sat nav, Harman kardon, 12k, choice, full leather .....£25995

14 14 BMW 420 D Sport convertible, 18" alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 27k, white, full leather .....£19995

14 64 BMW 420 DM Sport 2dr automatic, 19" alloys, widescreen sat nav, service inclusive, Harman Kardon, cruise, pdc, full leather, choice .....£18995

15 15 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, BMW warranty Sep 2018, 19" alloys, head-up display, 25k, grey, full beige leather .....£24995

15 65 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2018, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Harman Kardon, blue, full leather .....£19995

14 14 BMW 428 i M Sport 2dr coupe (245bhp) sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, grey, full leather .....£19995

14 64 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), BMW warranty Oct 2017, sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, choice, full leather .....£21995

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## Point-to-point news with Brian Lee

**THE 2017-18 Point-To-Point season shortly gets under way and The GEM's racing correspondent Brian Lee takes a look at some of the national awards that will be up for grabs during the coming months.**

**GLAMORGAN AT YSTRADOWEN – A TIMICO QUALIFYING RACE**  
Cheltenham Gold Cup sponsor and managed IT and communications

provider Timico are continuing their support of the sport as a national sponsor for the new season.

They are sponsoring a series of 14 Mixed Open races, each being run for a maximum total prize money (£1,000), culminating in a final worth £25,000 at Cheltenham at the Hunter Chase evening on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Local owners and trainers will be hoping they can qualify at the Glamorgan Hunt's fixture at Ystradowen in

the Vale on March 24 and their horses have to finish in the first three to earn a place in the final.

The other qualifier in Wales will take place at the Tivyside meeting at Lydstep near Tenby on April 15.

**RED MILLS**  
Connolly's Red Mills, a leading global manufacturer of horse feeds, are sponsoring 14 races for their Connolly's National

Intermediate series of races once again and the Monmouthshire at Monmouthshire Showground on March 31 and the South Pembrokeshire at Lydstep on April 2 are just two venues where horses finishing in the first four earn a ticket for the final at Cheltenham.

**JOCKEY CLUB SERIES**

The Jockey Club Mares Maiden Series Champion Novice Mares Awards continue their competition but, for some reason or other, there isn't a qualifying race in the south Wales and Monmouthshire area, yet there are three Barbury Racecourse qualifiers.

Long standing hunting supporters Dodson & Horrell, now in their 31st year of point-to-point sponsorship, will once again sponsor the Dodson & Horrell PPORA Club Members Novice Riders Series.

The series consists of 12 sponsored qualifiers leading to a series final at the Quorn at Garthorpe on April 29, 2018.

The Welsh qualifying race will take place at the Curre and Llangibby

fixture at Howick near Chepstow on March 11. The Tredegar Farmers meeting at Lower Machen on May 13 will be the venue of one of the 20 qualifiers for the Skinner's Pet Food Ladies Open Point-To-Point Series which will culminate in a final worth a whopping £12,500 prize at Stratford's Hunter Chase evening meeting on June 8.

**TRAINERS' AWARD**  
Foran Equine are delighted to once again reward leading point-to-point trainers for the new season.

Foran Equine will honour the leading trainers in two categories – stables with seven or fewer horses, and stables with eight or more horses, with Foran Equine Supplements, a Foran Equine Jacket, a trophy and a Foran Equine voucher for £5,000.

Established in 1974, Foran Equine has grown to become market leader in the field of specialised equine nutrition and healthcare.

**MARES AWARD**  
Point-to-point mares will once again have the opportunity to win a bonus of up to £3,000 in any of the three end of the season bumpers (National Hunt flat races) run under rules on licensed racecourses thanks to the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

The competition aims to encourage more owners to test their mares on the point-to-point circuit and to provide those proven horses the opportunity to progress to the National Hunt

racing programme.

Clare Hazell, chief executive of the Point-To-Point Authority, said: "The TBA's innovative contribution to the mares' bonus scheme was a significant and much appreciated addition to the series of point-to-point bumpers run under rules last season and we look forward to seeing some quality mares progressing through the ranks over the coming months."

Good news for hunting fans in the Vale and enthusiasts in general is that The Point-to-Point Racing Company (PTPRC) has announced that national coverage of point-to-pointing in print media via Racing Post Weekender will continue for the coming season.

The supplement will again be generously sponsored by The Jockey Club and Arena Racing Company.

The PTPRC will continue to look after the page creation for the supplement alongside their existing responsibilities of managing point-to-pointing's main website, pointtopoint.co.uk.

Meanwhile, and as usual, your long-time Glamorgan GEM columnist will be keeping you in the news as to how the Vale's riders and horses are performing throughout the season.

You can e-mail your horse racing/point-to-point news to [brianlee4@virginmedia.com](mailto:brianlee4@virginmedia.com) or phone 02920736438.

## Farmers head west, then south!



Winner Hugh Williams with sponsor Brian Lakin surrounded by Bryan Owen, captain Ray Thomas, Tim Jarvis and Jamie Gibson.

**THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Derly's Court Golf Club in Carmarthenshire.**

The scheduled venue of Carmarthenshire Golf Club situated 1,100 feet above sea level was closed due to poor visibility so a short journey to Bancyfelin ensured the monthly competition kindly sponsored by Sigma3 Kitchens & Bedrooms for 32 eager golfers could take place.

For many, this was the first opportunity of playing this well-maintained parkland course and although a few had trouble overcoming the well placed water hazards the vast majority enjoyed this new experience and are relishing the chance of a return visit.

Hugh Williams continued his rich vein of form to finish top of the leader board with a very impressive 39 stableford points including 23 on the front nine.

Following Hugh's recent success when winning the Nipper Jewell Knockout competition and also finishing runner-up in last month's competition the two shot handicap reduction incurred after this recent success was warmly approved by his

colleagues. Runner-up with 34 points was Bryan Owen followed by Tim Jarvis who scored 33 points. Martyn David finished in fourth place with 32 points just ahead of Dai John, who scored 31 points.

Jamie Gibson won the section for visitors with an excellent score of 39 points with sponsors' representative Geoff Moore finishing runner-up with 32 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Chris Watson, Martyn David and Gareth Perkins.

Andrew Thomas, despite the heartbreaking experience of losing four balls during his round, returned home with the longest drive prize and Gwyn Thomas made a welcome return to the winners enclosure when correctly guessing 59 balls would remain in the adjoining county to collect a bottle of whisky.

This raised £100 for the Tenovus 'Closer to Home Tenovus Appeal Fund' set up by generous sponsor Mr Brian Lakin.

The next meeting of the society is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, on the Lakes course at The Vale Resort sponsored by Herbert R Thomas & Co of Cowbridge. **TMC**

## The Barry and District League tables and results

**CRIB DIVISION 1:**

League table: West End Runaways 58, Cadoxton Cons 55, Liberals 54, Wyndham Cons 54, Moors Boys 48, West End 46, Rhoeuse Social 45.

**SKITTLES DIVISION 1:**

League table: Rugby Club 38, West End D 31.5, West End C 28, King William XII 27, Rhoeuse 26.5, Rhoeuse Social B 24.5, Slammers 24.5, Rhoeuse Social A 23, Allsorts 22, Cambrian Flyers 19, Sea View B 18.5, Liberals C 18.5, Liberals A 18, Rhoeuse Social C 16, Barries Boys 15, Barry Town FC 14.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1:**

Services Social B 1, Savoy A 4; Savoy B 2, West End C 3; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoeuse Social B 0; Harbour B 5, Cadoxton Cons Z 0. League table: Harbour B 36, Cadoxton Cons B 25, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Savoy A 22, Services

Social B 20, Wyndham Cons A 19, West End C 16, Savoy B 15, Liberators 13, Rhoeuse Social B 12, Penarth Cons A 9.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2:**

Cadoxton Misfits 3, Wyndham Cons D 2; Castle A 2, Rhoeuse Social C 3; Sully Sports A 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Market Street C 4, West End B 1; Penarth Cons B 2, Harbour A 3; West End A 1, Market Street B 4.

League table: Rhoeuse Social C 30, Cadoxton Misfits 29, Market Street B 26, Market Street C 25, Wyndham Cons D 24, Penarth Cons B 22, Harbour A 22, West End A 22, Cadoxton Cons A 20, West End B 17, Sully Sports A 16, Castle A 12 (\* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk) and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

**JW**

## Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

**ON October 3, an 18 hole Daily Mail foursomes Stableford:**

1st Maxine Hird & Samantha Saunders, 2nd Annie Blackburn & Ruth Yates, 3rd Lisa Ryley & Sian Smith.

Also on October 3, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Sue Thomas.

On October 10, an 18 hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 36 points, 2nd Ruth Yates, 3rd Angela Brown on back nine from Sian Smith.

On October 10, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Pam Warner, 2nd Dot Amery, 3rd Terry Unwin.

On October 17, the White Elephant nine hole medal: 1st Ruth Yates 46-12 = 34 nett, on back six from 2nd Dorothy Amery 47-13 = 34, 3rd Sam Saunders 52-5 = 37. On October 24, captains' team vs secretary's team, nine hole matchplay (two clubs and a putter) - the secretary's team won 5 & 3.

On October 31, a nine hole Turkey Trot 1 Medal: 1st Ruth Yates 46 - 12 = 34 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 44 - 7.5 = 36.5, 3rd Sian Smith 47 - 10 = 37 on back six from Dot Amery, Sue Thomas & Carolyn Jones.

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## Vale Bridge Club

**THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 30 are as follows:**

First, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne 64.77 per cent; second, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 61.72 per cent; third, Alan Grant and Margaret Price 54.95 per cent. **LE**

## Tim's long trip pays off

**'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.**

Last Sunday, he sent two horses on the long trek to Carlisle and after his Jaunty Flyer, a 20-1 chance, had finished fourth in the opening Novices' Hurdle just over an hour or so later his five-year-old Chozen landed the Watch Racing UK on BT TV Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Partnered by Alan Johns Chozen, a 7-2 shot, won by one-and-a-quarter

lengths from the favourite Castletown.

Twenty-four hours earlier at Ascot, Ogmores Christian Williams saw his five-year-old Limited Reserve finish second to the 6-1 joint favourite Elgin in the £34,170 William Hill Handicap Hurdle (Listed) (1) over two miles.

Limited Reserve, who was ridden by Denis O'Regan, made a mistake at the last obstacle and was beaten by just one-and-a-quarter lengths in a field of 14 runners.

**BRIAN LEE**

## Memories of Plunger and Barton Williams

**WHEN I saw that a horse called Plunger had finished second at Newmarket last Friday (November 3), it brought back memories of another horse of that name who on May 13, 1978 was a 'winner' of the maiden race at the Llangineor Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechase.**

The story is told in my book *Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press) how the Vale's Barton Williams, a really colourful character, managed to force his tail-switching Plunger first past the post from the favourite Lord Belvedere, ridden by Welsh champion rider Mike Williams of Bassaleg.

The cheers for Barton as he rode

into the winners' enclosure were loud and clear but it was later learned that Plunger should have not have even been entered for the race as it wasn't qualified with one of the adjacent hunts.

It was also later claimed that as a three-year-old, Plunger had won a mile and a half race under Jockey Club rules on the flat; and the rules stated that: 'A maiden is a horse which, at the time of starting, has never won a steeplechase, hurdle race or any other race under the rules of any recognised turf authority, point-to-point races included.'

The race was later awarded to Lord Belvedere, the runner-up owned by Mrs June Jones of Rudry.

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## Pirates crash to Quarks

**CRIEKE! Shiver me timbers – are my eyes deceiving me? I am sure this match card indicates Barry Quarks 3, Penarth Pirates 2.**

Yes, its true. The unbeaten Penarth Pirates came unstuck against the Quarks who recorded their first victory of the season.

What a win for Chris Green against Ben Thomas. Chris has had a poor run of results this season and he was rated almost 500 points below Ben.

Chris had five seconds before the time control but made it then won his ending.

John Ryles won a piece early on to maintain his unbeaten run. Mike O'Leary had a gentle comeback on board 5. This was Mike's first competitive game for many years.

Sam White was always struggling. Martin Ricketts kept finding resourceful moves in a difficult position and reached the ending the exchange up, only to lose to an unfortunate oversight when blundering his rook which was stopping his opponent queening a pawn.

Martin commented: "I was so focused on how I was going to win that I missed her bishop taking my rook; 54 moves of intense play, caused admittedly by my poor opening."

This win still leaves the Quarks at the bottom of the table but considerably closer to the rest of the table.

A few weeks ago the Bosons failed to get even a half point against the North Cardiff Woodpushers who currently top the table.

This week it was the turn of their second team, the North Cardiff Cheethas to be our opponents. Tim Kett and Pete Heaven occupied their top two boards and had beaten our players in the previous match.

This time Matthew Davies defended a rook and pawn ending well and with Steve Cunliffe also earning a quick draw on board 2, it augered well.

Sam Jukes on board 3 had a good win, Dave Parsons on board 4 won on time with his opponent under strong pressure, leaving team captain Ken Hannah on bottom board to earn a lucky win when his opponent blundered.

The Bosons returned home with four valuable

points and have moved up the table into fourth place.

With defeats for two of the early pacesetters, Caerphilly Kings and Pontypriid Barbarians, the position is looking a lot rosier.

Two of the teams in the bottom three have a game in hand and are due to play one another shortly, so the position between third and eighth place is very fluid.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night; contact one of the club members through the website and we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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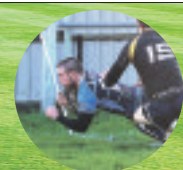




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## Bonus point win for Pencoed RFC

Pencoed RFC 33 v 5 Morryston RFC



*Man of the match Shane Izatt.*  
(Photograph by Julie Hancock).

**PENCOED** certainly did the necessary in this league fixture, securing a bonus point win against a plucky Morryston XV.

The first quarter saw both sides trying to gain the upper hand. Pencoed broke the deadlock when, on 19 minutes, Dan Watkins set off on a powerful run from a maul before feeding the supporting Gareth Prentice who crashed his way over. Adam Williams duly added the extras.

It would be 11 minutes before the scorers were troubled again, when Lloyd Bargery set off on a typically strong run. Rhys Clarke was in support to receive the scoring pass to cross wide out, with Adam Williams adding a fine touchline conversion.

Barely three minutes later Gareth Prentice, who showed typical strength and determination, scored his second try under the posts. Adam Williams duly obliged with the conversion.

Then, on 36 minutes, Pencoed strung together an excellent passage of play resulting in last man Dan Watkins scoring the bonus point try wide out. The conversion failed this time to leave a half time score of 26-0.

Pencoed's tight head was unable to take the field for the second half, resulting in passive scrums for the remainder.

Pencoed were first out of the blocks in the second half. They quickly established territorial advantage allowing Ryan Russell to score an excellent individual try on 44 minutes. Adam Williams again slotted a fine touchline conversion.

Morryston then started their best passages of play, forcing Pencoed to defend. On 49 minutes the Pencoed No 20 was shown a yellow card for a team repeat infringement.

Morryston continued to batter the home line and despite heroic defending by all, the No 8 forced his way over on 52 minutes. The conversion failed.

There then followed a period of end to end play, until the 69th minute when the Pencoed No 4 was shown a yellow card for taking exception to the way one of the Morryston players introduced himself.

The game continued to ebb and flow but through a combination of Pencoed not being ruthless enough and possibly tactical naivety from Morryston. There were no further scores leaving a full-time score of 33-5.

The pocket battleship that is Shane Izatt was unanimously chosen man of the match, meaning maybe, just maybe, the coaches and supporters were watching the same game!

Next week Pencoed travel to Maesteg Celtic, again a league match. With Wales playing Australia at 5.15pm, the KO is to be confirmed.

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*Adam Williams kicked four out of five conversions.*  
(Photograph by Julie Hancock).

## Bridge Club makes donation to charity



**AT a recent charity evening at Bridgend Bridge Club, £242 was raised for this year's chosen charity The Alzheimer's Society.**

The photograph shows Steve Burgoyne presenting the cheque to Chris Stokes of the society.

## Bridgend Athletic need a 'sense of adventure' – coach

Bridgend Athletic 18 Maesteg Quins 26

*Dan Howells goes over for a try.*  
(Photograph by John Cannon)

**TOP** of Division One West Central, Maesteg Quins brought a large vociferous number of supporters to the Morganstone Brewery Field for their fixture with Bridgend Athletic.

The Quins had won all five league fixtures, securing a try bonus point in each fixture.

However, despite a 26-18 Quins win, the Athletic denied them a bonus point, restricting them to three tries, while scoring two of their own.

The Quins kicked off into a stiff breeze. The Athletic secured possession and patiently went through many phases before the Quins conceded a penalty 40 metres out.

Outside half Luke Bevan stroked the ball through the uprights. From the restart, the Quins knocked the ball forward.

The Athletic drove into the Quins' half. The Athletic scrum half spotted a gap and kicked the ball over the covering defence.

Speedy wing Dan Howells outpaced the cover to gather just inside touch and cross near the corner flag for his fifth try of the season. This gave the Athletic an 8-0 advantage after only four minutes.

The Athletic were dominating territory but spurned overlaps on occasions with a reluctance to move the ball wide.

This was surprising as half backs Aled Thomas and Luke Bevan were playing well, and wing Howells and full back Robin Davies were looking good in attack.

The Quins made them pay when, after 30 minutes, they made their



first excursion into the Athletic 22.

The forwards softened up the Athletic defence before moving the ball wide where full back Kieran Watkin ran a great line to cross wide out.

From the restart, a Quins player tackled an Athletic player without the ball. Outside half Luke Bevan stepped up to land an excellent 45-metre penalty to give the Athletic an 11-5 interval lead.

The Quins came out with all guns blazing at the start of the second half. Their early pressure led to the Athletic conceding three early penalties, all easily goaled by Quins outside half Rhodri Davies to put the Quins 14-11 ahead.

The Quins' scrum was taking its toll on the Athletic and eventually they forced the Athletic to concede a pushover try from five metres out.

No 8 Michael Owen touched down and Davies added the extras. The Quins, with their tails up then ran out of defence through scrum half Ben Davies.

Some good inter-passing saw replacement wing Alex Griffiths cross to extend the lead to 26-11 with 20 minutes remaining.

It looked as if the Quins were in for a bonus point try as they moved the ball



*Robin Davies raced away for an excellent interception try under the posts.*  
(Photograph by John Cannon)

along the line five metres from the Athletic line.

However, Athletic full back Robin Davies anticipated the final pass, intercepting and running the length of the field to cross under the posts.

Bevan's conversion reduced the Athletic deficit to 26-18. With only Athletic hooker Lee Murphy and No 8 Sean Williams able to match the Quins' intensity of ball carrying at forward in the second half, the Athletic were not securing the front foot possession they needed to trouble the Quins' defence.

Athletic Youth wing Joe Patterson came on and did go close with a determined run.

The Quins were also unable to break down a

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